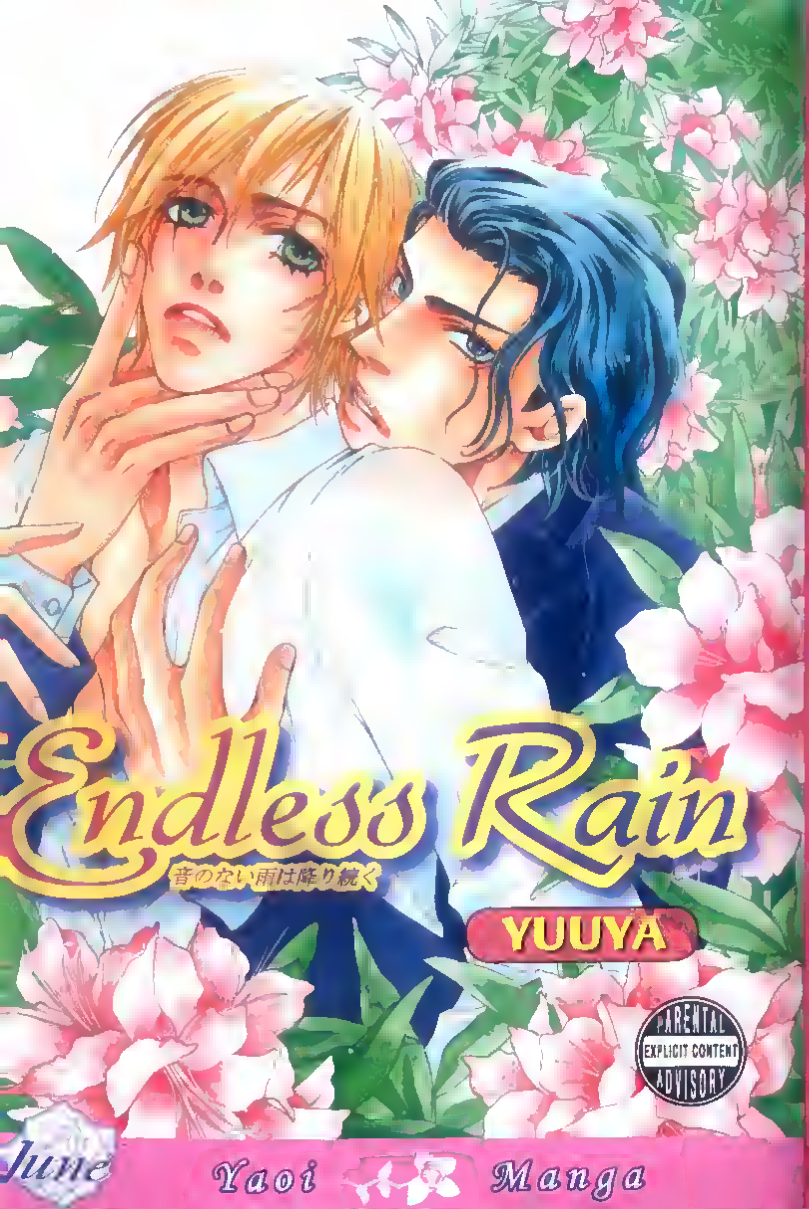

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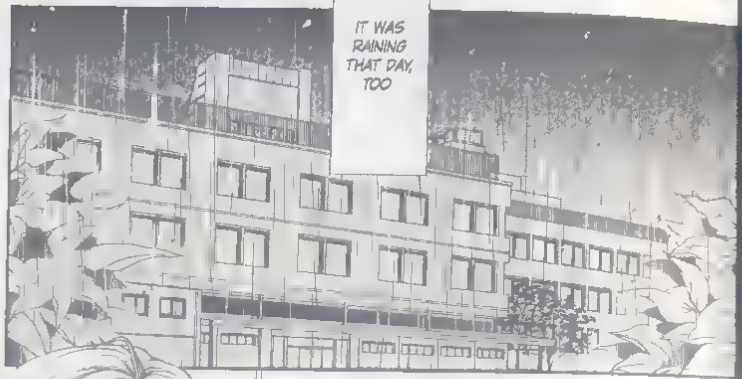

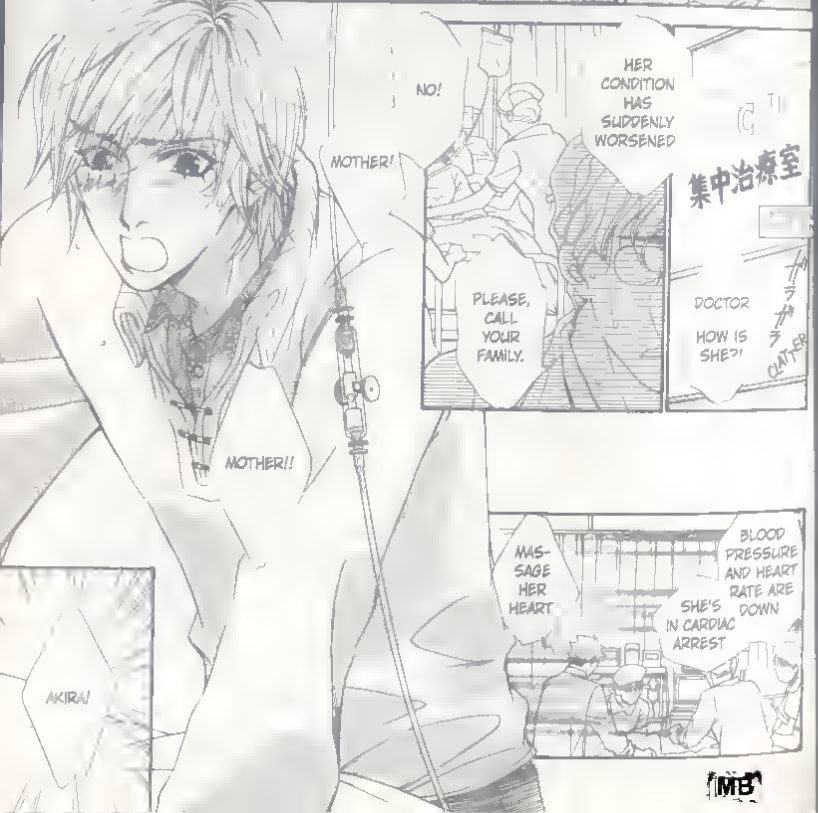

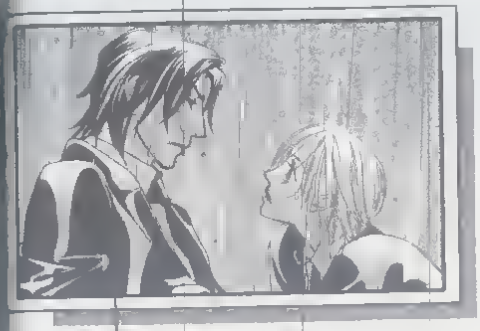

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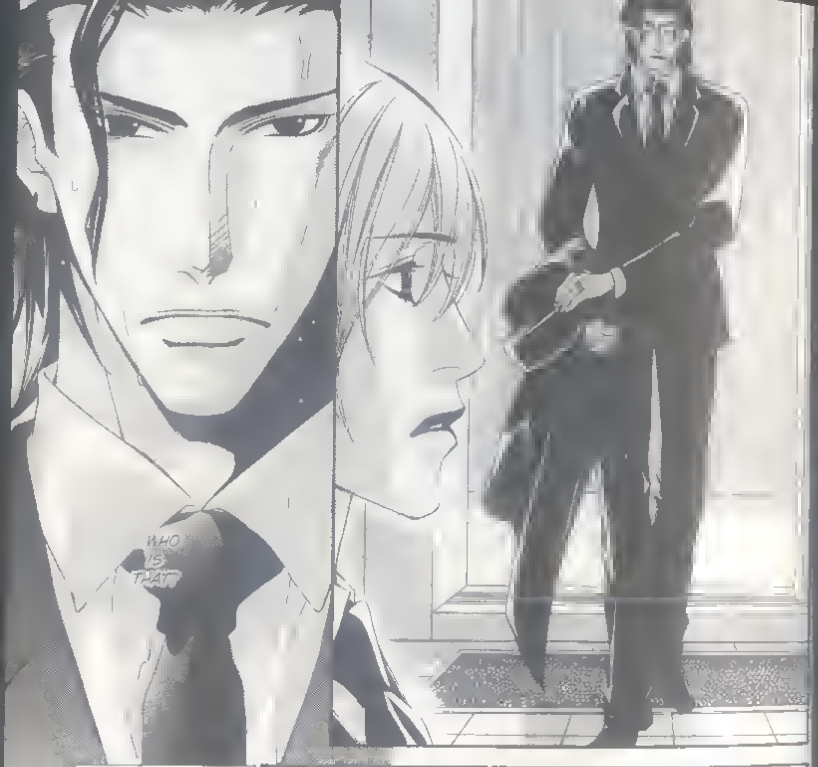
NO-THER!
BEEP
春日純一郎
JUN'ICHIROU KASUGA
HE JUST LEFT THOSE GIANT FLOWERS
IT'S TOO CRUEL, EVEN IF SHE WAS A MISTRESS
ALL HE EVER GAVE THEM WAS LIVING EXPENSES
JUN'ICHIROU KASUGA DIDN'T COME TO SEE HER EVEN ONCE HOW AWFUL
I HEARD SHE WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR HALF A YEAR WITH TERMINAL CANCER
NO ONE FROM THE KASUGA FAMILY DID

SHUT
..BROTHER
WHY CAN'T I HEAR HER BREATHING?
GRIP
HOW IS SHE?!
NAO,
WHO WAS WITH YOU JUST NOW?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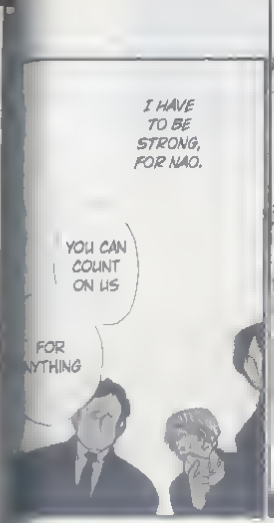
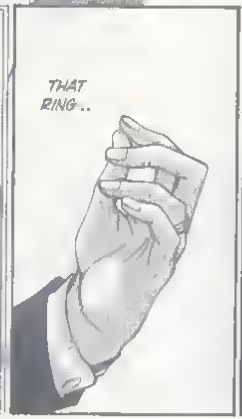

I HAVE TO BE STRONG, FOR NAO.
YOU CAN COUNT ON US
FOR ANYTHING

I'M NOT GOING TO CRY
I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THOSE BOYS
NAO

OH THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'VE BEEN PROMISED A JOB ALREADY.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
BUT I'LL BE WORKING COME THIS SPRING

I SAW IT WHEN
I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.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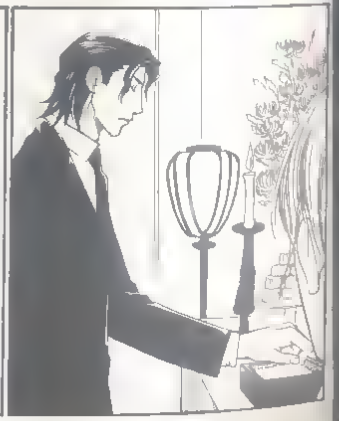

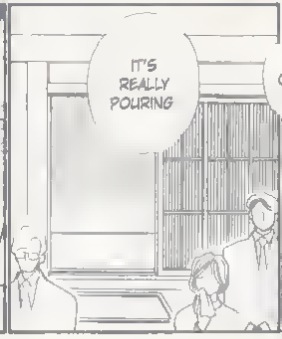
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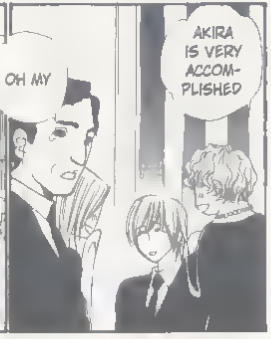

OH MY
AKIRA IS VERY ACCOM-PLISHED

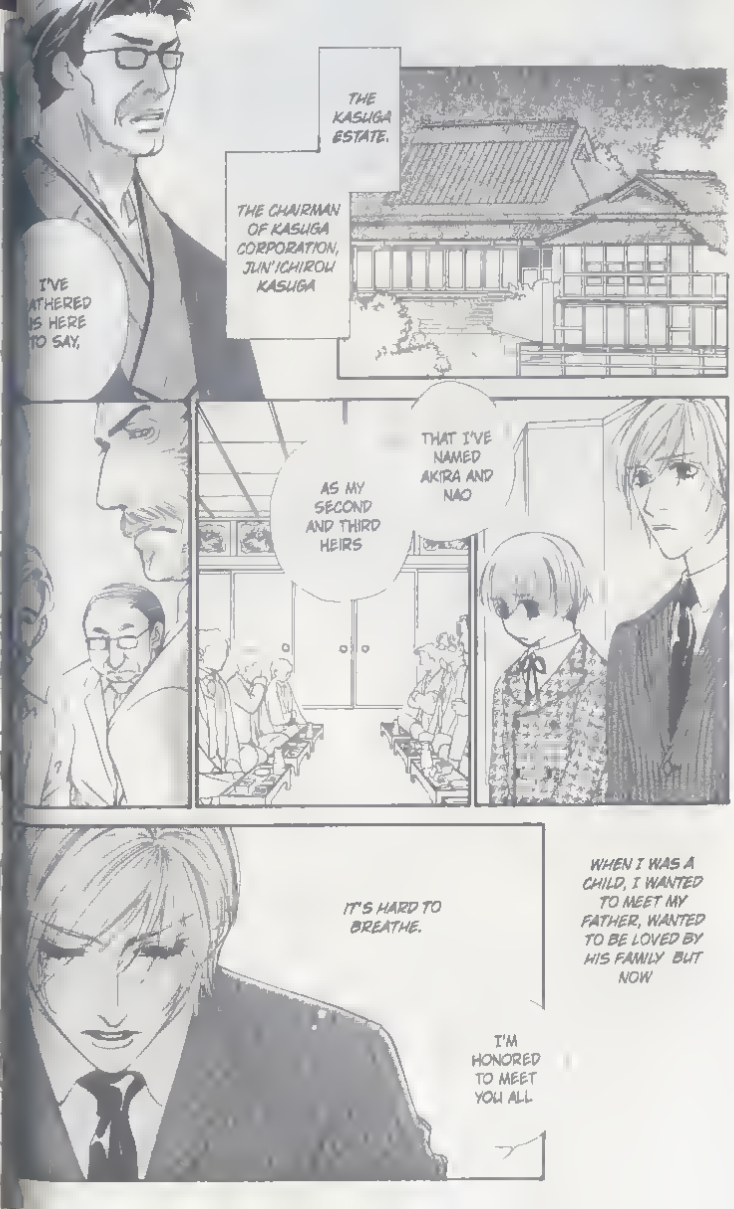
I'LL BE LOOKING AFTER YOU..
WHAT?
YOU'RE GOING TO BE MOVED TO THE KASUGA ESTATE.
YOU SHOULD TAKE IT
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!!
SLAP!

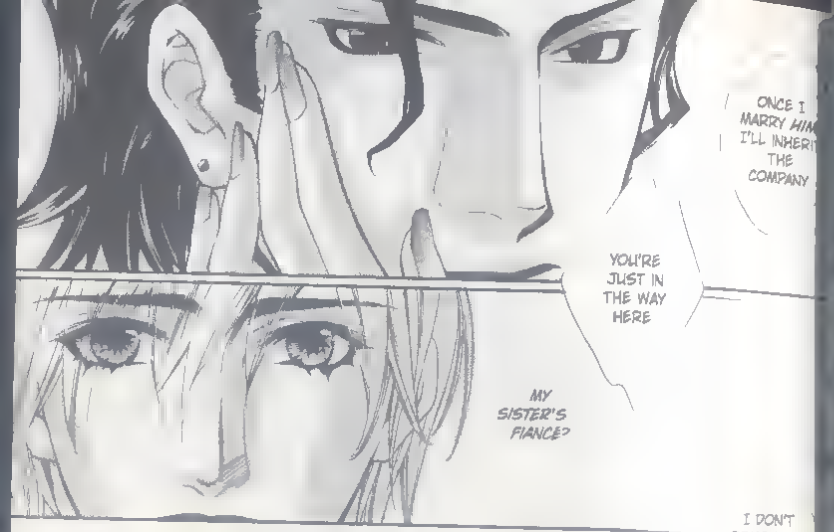
OUR MOTHER IS DEAD!
SHOULDN'T BE HERE HIMSELF?!
MURMUR
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "ON BEHALF OF"?
I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF JUN'ICHIROU KASUGA
THAT VOICE
WHAT'S THIS?
FUNERAL COSTS
I CAN PAY FOR MY OWN MOTHER'S FUNERAL!
BLUSH

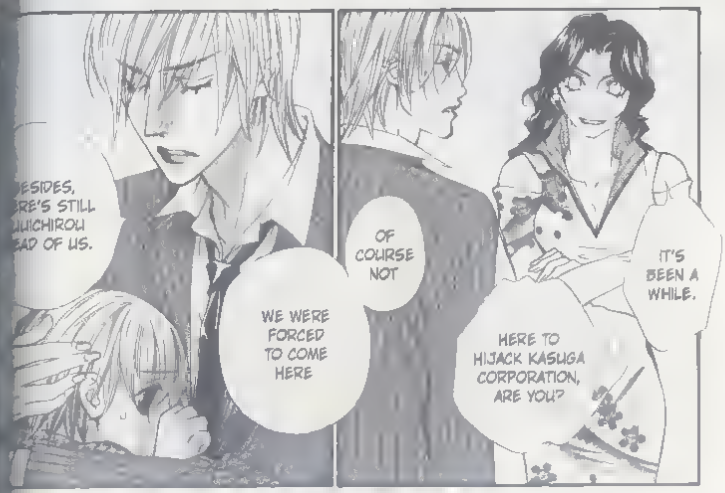
WAH!
WHA ?
AND THAT'S
FUNCH
HOW I MET HYOUGAMI

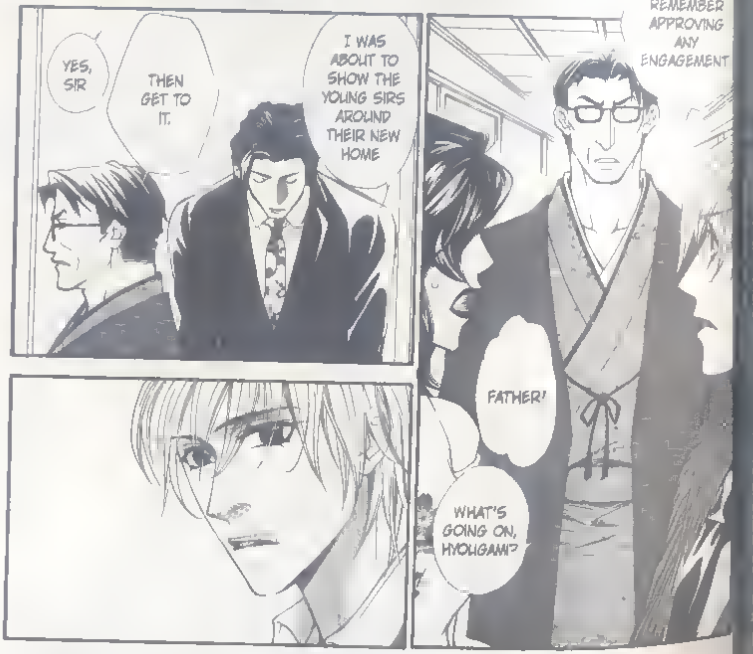
I'M NOT GOING TO HIS HOME NOW!
GET LOST!
WE'VE LIVED WITH OUR MOTHER ALL OUR LIVES
I HAVE NO MEMORIES OF THAT MAN
HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT NAO'S SIGHT? HOSPITAL EXPENSES, SCHOOL?
BROTHER, STOP!
SPLASH
HE'S THE ONE THAT BROUGHT ME TO MOTHER AT THE HOSPITAL.
I. I'M SORRY
ARE YOU
HE'S NOT A BAD PERSON!
GRAB

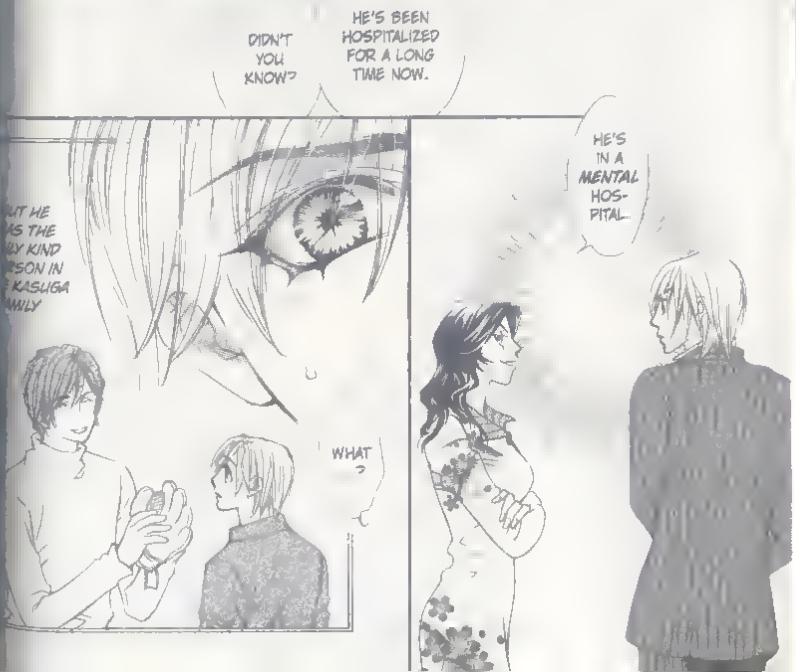
ONCE I'VE SAVED UP SOME MONEY FROM WORKING,
WE'LL LEAVE THIS PLACE AND LIVE TOGETHER
ARE WE GOING TO LIVE HERE NOW?
JUST BE PATIENT
BROTHER
OKAY
WHAT IS FATHER THINKING?
BRINGING HIS MISTRESS' KIDS INTO THE FAMILY? WHAT A JOKE!
OH
AH.
KYOUKO-SAN WE'RE INSIDE THE MANSION
WHO CARES, KYOUYA ♡


THE KASUGA ESTATE.
THE CHAIRMAN OF KASUGA CORPORATION, JUN'ICHIROU KASUGA
I'VE GATHERED US HERE TO SAY,
AS MY SECOND AND THIRD HEIRS
THAT I'VE NAMED AKIRA AND NAO
IT'S HARD TO BREATHE.
I'M HONORED TO MEET YOU ALL
WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I WANTED TO MEET MY FATHER, WANTED TO BE LOVED BY HIS FAMILY BUT NOW


ONCE I MARRY HIM I'LL INHERIT THE COMPANY
YOU'RE JUST IN THE WAY HERE
MY SISTER'S FIANCE?


BESIDES, HE'S STILL AHEAD OF US.
WE WERE FORCED TO COME HERE
OF COURSE NOT
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
HERE TO HIJACK KASUGA CORPORATION, ARE YOU?


YES, SIR
THEN GET TO IT.
I WAS ABOUT TO SHOW THE YOUNG SIRS AROUND THEIR NEW HOME
I DON'T REMEMBER APPROVING ANY ENGAGEMENT
FATHER!
WHAT'S GOING ON, HYOUGAMI?


DIDN'T YOU KNOW?
HE'S BEEN HOSPITALIZED FOR A LONG TIME NOW.
BUT HE WAS THE ONLY KIND PERSON IN THE KASUGA FAMILY
WHAT ?
HE'S IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL.

LET'S GO.
AH.
YOU'LL BE LIVING IN THIS APARTMENT
MY PIANO!
PHEW
GOOD
I WASN'T TOLD WHY
WHY?
FATHER!
HEY, WAIT!
THIS WAY
SHE WAS WAITING FOR YOU, UP UNTIL THE VERY END!
WHY DIDN'T YOU COME TO SEE MOTHER?!
ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY?!

IN TWO MONTHS THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL BE WORKING.
EVERYTHING FROM THE TENTH FLOOR UP BELONGS TO KASUGA RSC.
THIS IS KASUGA CORPORATION'S THIRD BUILDING
AND THIS IS
BUT
THE PRESIDENT OF KASUGA RSC
KYOUYA HYOUGAMI
PRESIDENT ?!
YOU DID THIS... TO BRING ME INTO KASUGA CORPORATION...?
YOUR NEW JOB
THERE'LL BE SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE YOU TO THE COMPANY, SO PLEASE EXCUSE ME
THE COMPANY?
BUT I'M READY PROMISED PAYMENT ELSEWHERE
HELLO, IS THIS TAKANO PRODUC-TIONS?
BOUGHT OUT BY KASUGA RSC?
YOU'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO KASUGA RSC, AKIRA-SAN
WHAT?
I HEARD THEY RESCINDED THEIR OFFER.
KASUGA RSC IS A DIVISION OF KASUGA CORPORATION
COULD FATHER HAVE...
NO

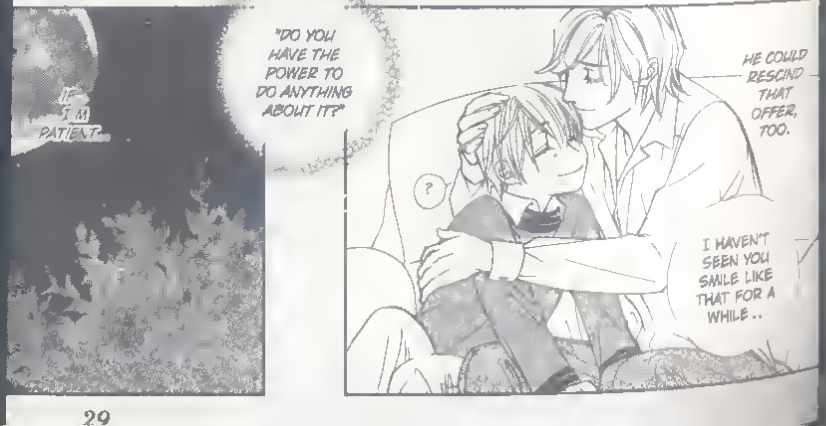
HERE, AKIRA-KUN
YOUR PIANO RECITAL A WHILE BACK WAS GREAT, TOO.
THANKS, DOCTOR. ♡
THIS HOSPITAL IS BECOMING A NURSING HOME
I THOUGHT YOU ALREADY KNEW
THERE'S A KASUGA RUN HOSPITAL CLOSER TO YOUR NEW HOUSE THAT YOU'LL BE TRANSFERRED TO.
NAO'S MEDICAL RECORDS?
BUT WE INTENDED TO KEEP COMING HERE
"BUT NOW I HAVE TO LOOK FOR A NEW JOB."
"I THOUGHT IT FELL THROUGH WHILE YOUR MOTHER WAS HOSPITALIZED."
"IT'S BEEN TALKED ABO FOR A WHIL NOW."
AND FIRED ALL THE DOCTORS AND NURSES!?
TRANS-FERRED ALL THE PATIENTS,
THEY BUILT A HUGE HOSPITAL
I'LL DO
YOU NEED THIS JOB, FOR YOUR BROTHER'S SAKE, AS WELL.
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT TO ME AGAIN.
DO YOU JUST DO ANYTHING MY FATHER TELLS YOU!?
BUYING TAKANO PRODUCTIONS WAS A GOOD INVESTMENT, THAT'S ALL
AND ALSO,
RING RING
RING RING
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE REACTING TO LIGHT NOW
MMM...
THAT'S GOOD.

WHAT IS IT?
WHAT IS THIS?
SQUISH
HAH!
S-SIR..!
SLAP
WHAT?
AAH!
WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING?!
ABOUT YASAKA HOSPITAL BEING MADE INTO A NURSING HOME.
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
?!
AHH!!
TH-THUMP
BUT STILL,
TO FIRE ALL THE EMPLOY-EES--
TH-THUMP
MY LAST MEMORIES OF MY MOTHER WERE THERE..!!
THE DOCTORS AND NURSES ARE ALL SUCH WONDERFUL PEOPLE.
I'VE BEEN GOING TO THAT HOSPITAL SINCE NAO WAS BORN
SIDENT UGAMI!
KNOCK
WE HAVE TO TALK
KNOCK
AH!
AHH..
EXCUSE ME.
COME IN

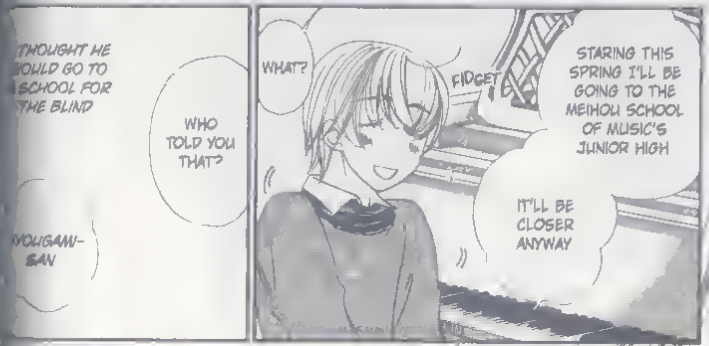
CHANGE THINGS FOR YOU.
I COULD,
WHAT DID YOU SAY .?
WHY ?
I'M HOME
SIGH
WHAT'S WRONG, BROTHER?
NAO..
YOU SOUND TIRED
WAS WORK HARD?
HERE'S SOME MILK

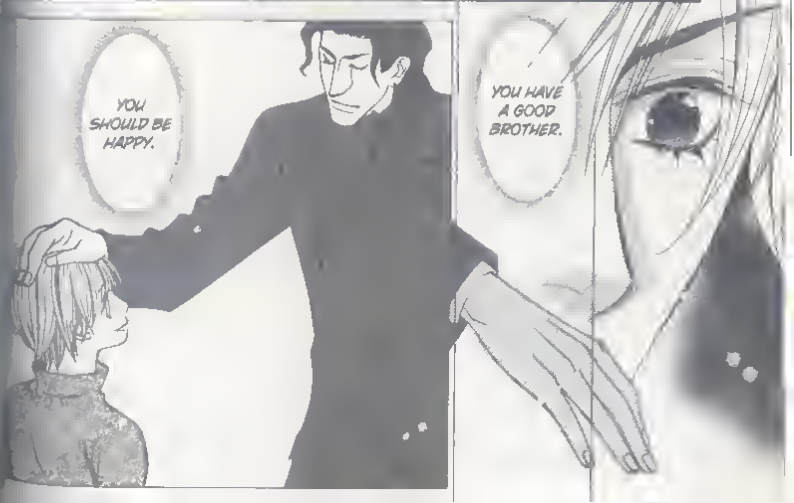
DO YOU HAVE THE POWER TO O ANYTHING ABOUT IT?
FIRST OFF,
PERSONAL SENTIMENT, HM?
YOU LOOK JUST LIKE OUR MOTHER, AFTER ALL
WHY NOT ASK YOUR FATHER?
OR, YOU COULD,
THAT'S ..
ECOME

IF YOU YOU HAVE POWER AND MONEY YOU CAN DO ANYTHING, IS THAT IT?!
AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU..
A LOT OF GREAT BLIND MUSICIANS COME OUT OF MEIHOU I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO
THANK YOU SO MUCH I'LL DO MY BEST
WHEN DID
DECIDE THAT?!


"DO YOU HAVE THE POWER TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT?"
IF I'M PATIENT..
HE COULD RESCIND THAT OFFER, TOO.
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SMILE LIKE THAT FOR A WHILE..

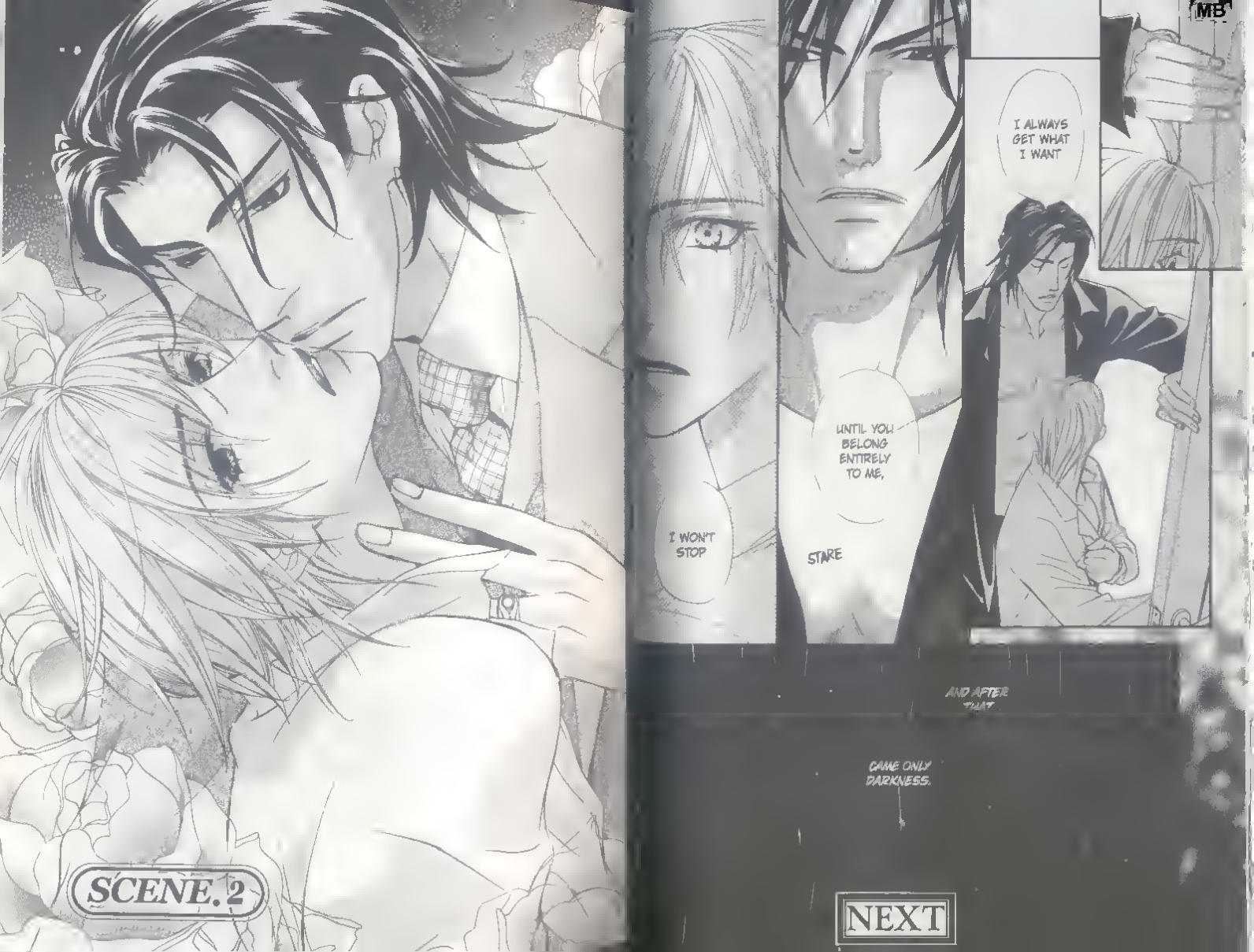
I'M SORRY I WASN'T ABLE TO PICK YOU UP.
DON'T WORRY I'M GRADUATING SOON ANYWAY
YEAH .


I THOUGHT HE WOULD GO TO A SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
WHO TOLD YOU THAT?
MOUGAN-SAN
WHAT?
FIDGET
STARING THIS SPRING I'LL BE GOING TO THE MEIHOU SCHOOL OF MUSIC'S JUNIOR HIGH
IT'LL BE CLOSER ANYWAY


YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY.
YOU HAVE A GOOD BROTHER.

IT'S JUST MY BODY IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL
I WON'T LET HIM CONTROL MY HEART!
AHH!
AH!
SLAP
NN!!
JUST. ONCE
IT'S UP TO YOU.

AMIDST THE UNENDING PAIN
ALL I COULD THINK OF WAS THE SOUND OF THE RAIN POURING ENDLESSLY
SLAP
IN ORDER TO ESCAPE FROM PAIN, THEN CAN TELL THEMSELVES IT'S REALLY PLEASURE
THRUST
NN..
GET SOME SLEEP.
...I'M LEAV-ING
WORMIE
HAAH
IT-
DID YOU THINK I'D BE GENTLE?
IT HURTS!!
I WON'T CRY.
SLAP
NN
SLAP
UHN
NN
PEOPLE DISTORT WITH WITH THEIR CEPTION
HAAH
THUMP
AH!
SLAP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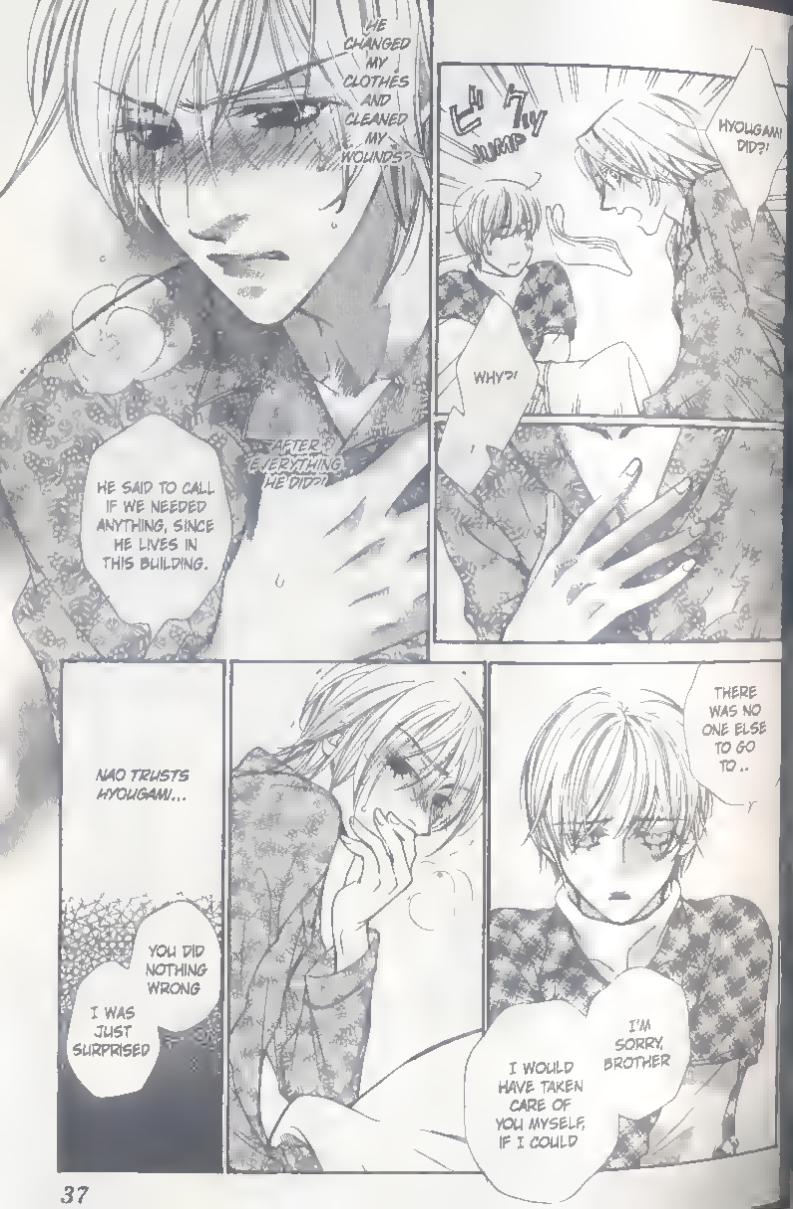
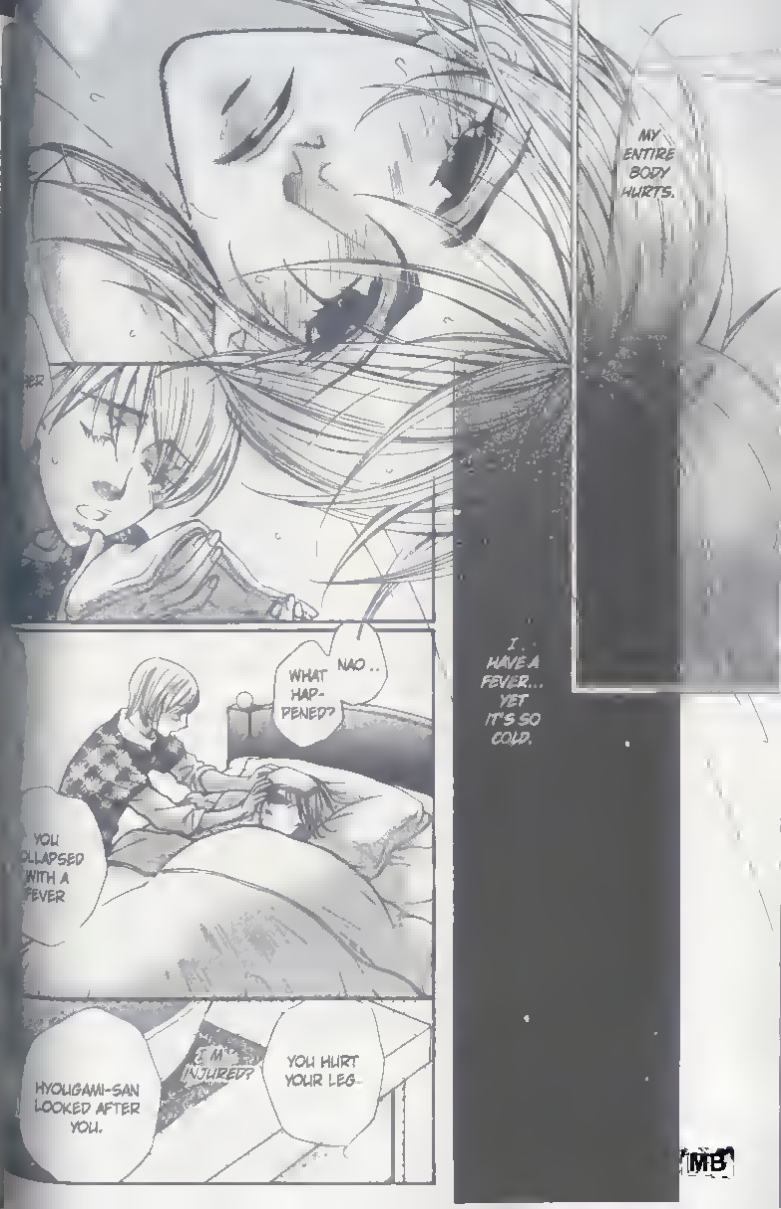
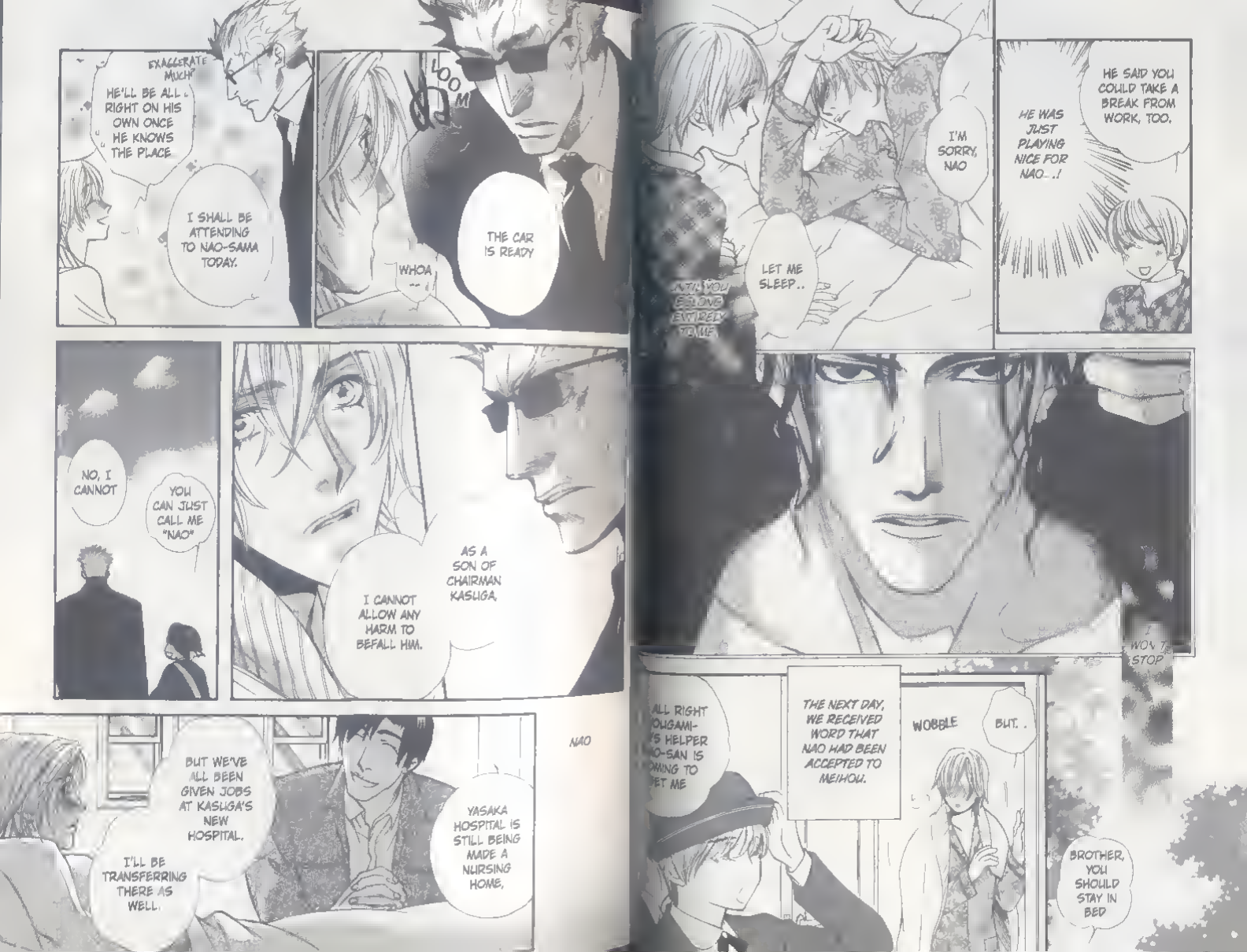
I WON'T STOP
UNTIL YOU BELONG ENTIRELY TO ME,
STARE
I ALWAYS GET WHAT I WANT
AND AFTER THAT
CAME ONLY DARKNESS.
NEXT

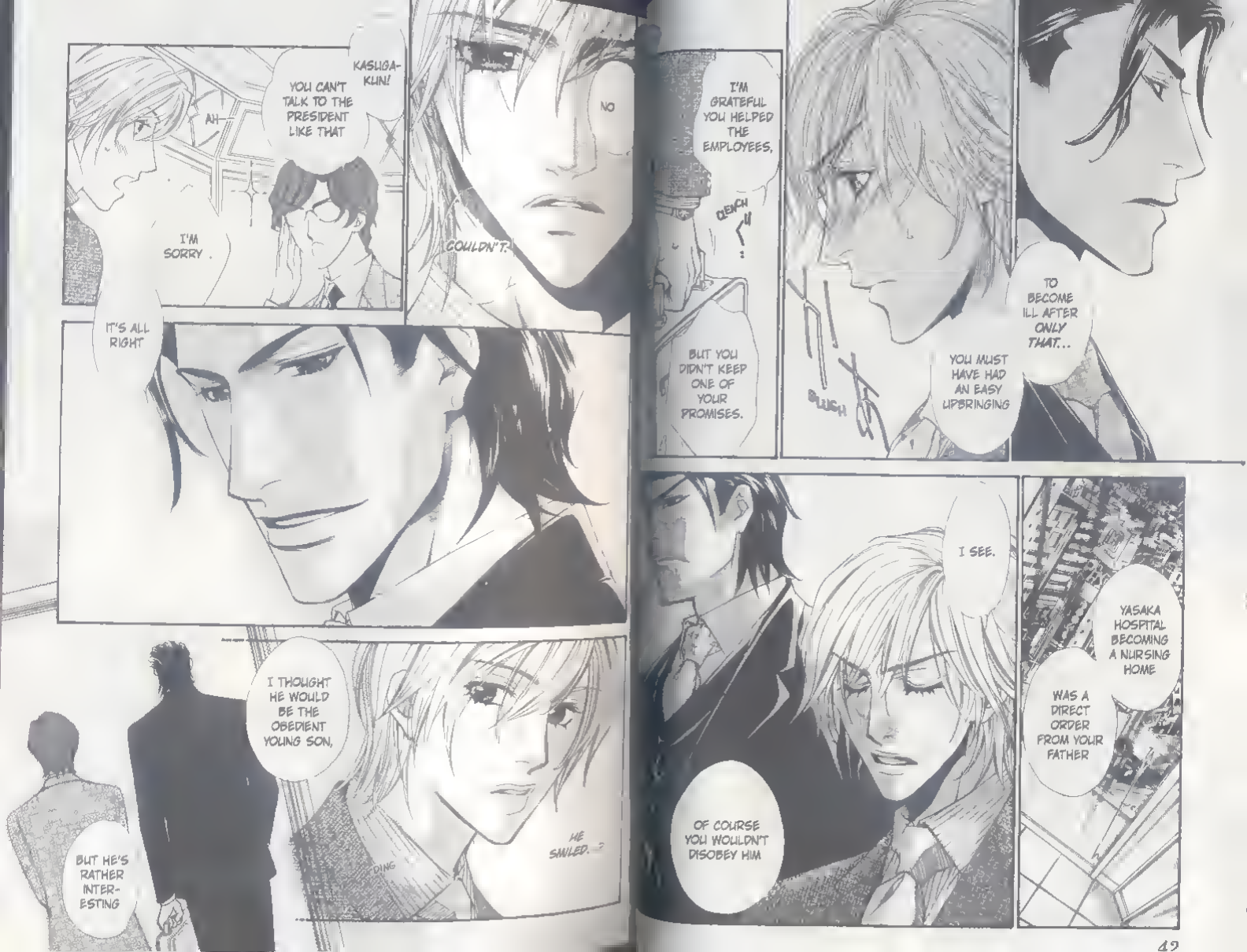

HE CHANGED MY CLOTHES AND CLEANED MY WOUNDS?
AFTER EVERYTHING HE DID?!
HE SAID TO CALL IF WE NEEDED ANYTHING, SINCE HE LIVES IN THIS BUILDING.
ビクッ
JUMP
HYOUGAMI DID?!
WHY?!
NAO TRUSTS HYOUGAMI...
YOU DID NOTHING WRONG
I WAS JUST SURPRISED
I WOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF YOU MYSELF, IF I COULD
I'M SORRY, BROTHER
THERE WAS NO ONE ELSE TO GO TO..


MY ENTIRE BODY HURTS.
I.. HAVE A FEVER... YET IT'S SO COLD.
NAO..
WHAT HAP-PENED?
YOU COLLAPSED WITH A FEVER
I'M INJURED?
YOU HURT YOUR LEG.
HYOUGAMI-SAN LOOKED AFTER YOU.

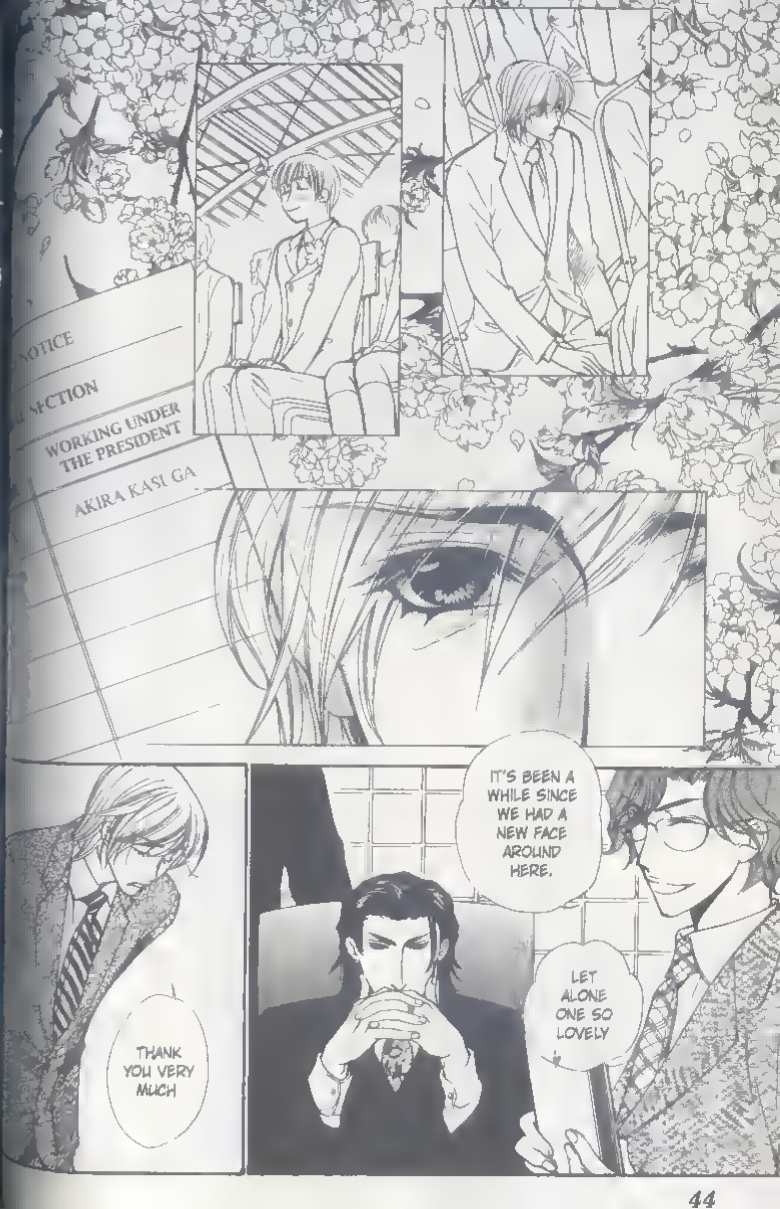

EXAGGERATE MUCH?
HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT ON HIS OWN ONCE HE KNOWS THE PLACE
I SHALL BE ATTENDING TO NAO-SAMA TODAY.
VOOM
WHOA --
THE CAR IS READY
I'M SORRY, NAO
LET ME SLEEP..
HE WAS JUST PLAYING NICE FOR NAO-..!
HE SAID YOU COULD TAKE A BREAK FROM WORK, TOO.
NO, I CANNOT
YOU CAN JUST CALL ME "NAO"
I CANNOT ALLOW ANY HARM TO BEFALL HIM.
AS A SON OF CHAIRMAN KASUGA,
BUT WE'VE ALL BEEN GIVEN JOBS AT KASUGA'S NEW HOSPITAL.
I'LL BE TRANSFERRING THERE AS WELL.
YASAKA HOSPITAL IS STILL BEING MADE A NURSING HOME.
NAO
THE NEXT DAY, WE RECEIVED WORD THAT NAO HAD BEEN ACCEPTED TO MEIHOU.
WOBBLE
BUT. .
BROTHER, YOU SHOULD STAY IN BED

DING!
TUG
GOOD MORNING
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I SAID YOU COULD TAKE TIME OFF, DIDN'T I?

YOU WORKED HARD FOR OUR SAKES, DIDN'T YOU?
HM?
THANK YOU, AKIRA-KUN
THEN YOU CAN STILL HELP NAO AND HIS EYES, RIGHT?
I DIDN'T
DO ANY-THING
FOR SOMETHING SO EASY FOR HIM
HA.
HA HA!
I HAD TO GIVE MY BODY FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT
HEH


KASUGA-KUN!
YOU CAN'T TALK TO THE PRESIDENT LIKE THAT
AH—
I'M SORRY.
NO
COULDN'T?
IT'S ALL RIGHT
I'M GRATEFUL YOU HELPED THE EMPLOYEES,
CLENCH
BUT YOU DIDN'T KEEP ONE OF YOUR PROMISES.
YOU MUST HAVE HAD AN EASY UPBRINGING
SLUSH
TO BECOME ILL AFTER ONLY THAT...
I SEE.
OF COURSE YOU WOULDN'T DISOBEY HIM
YASAKA HOSPITAL BECOMING A NURSING HOME
WAS A DIRECT ORDER FROM YOUR FATHER
I THOUGHT HE WOULD BE THE OBEDIENT YOUNG SON,
HE SMILED...?
DING
BUT HE'S RATHER INTERESTING

CHATTER
WHO CARES? YOU GET TO WORK WITH HYOUGAMI.
I TOOK THIS JOB TO GET CLOSER TO HIM.
CHATTER
ME TOO
ME TOO!
CHATTER
SO YOU WORK FOR THE PRESIDENT NOW?
I'D BEEN HOPING TO GET INTO ACCOUNTING
CHATTER
WOW
I KEEP IT WITH ME
I EVEN HAVE THE BOOK HE WROTE.
YEAH!
HE'S THE NO. 1 UP AND COMING BUSINESSMAN!
IS HE REALLY THAT FAMOUS?
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS MAN.
CAN I BORROW THAT BOOK?
BUT THEN HE WORKED HIS WAY UP TO PRESIDENT OF KASUGA R&C!
HE USED TO BE ROUGH, AND EVEN LEFT SCHOOL
BOOK?
HE'S AWESOME!


NOTICE
SECTION
WORKING UNDER THE PRESIDENT
AKIRA KASUGA
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE HAD A NEW FACE AROUND HERE.
LET ALONE ONE SO LOVELY

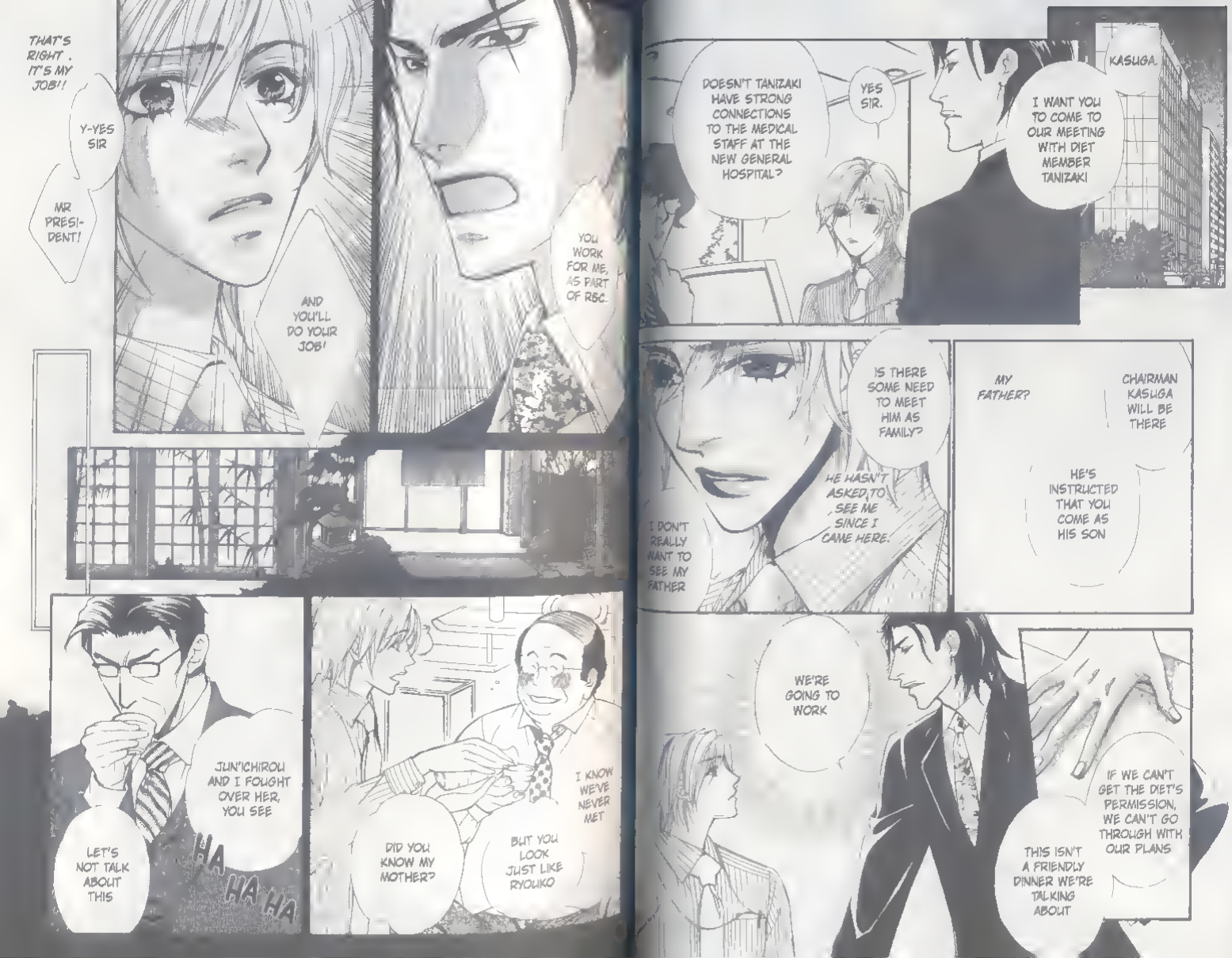
AND IT WAS SO SUNNY EARLIER...
SQUEAK
GEEZ.
RAIN AGAIN?
PRESIDENT HYOUGAMI?
KASUGA?

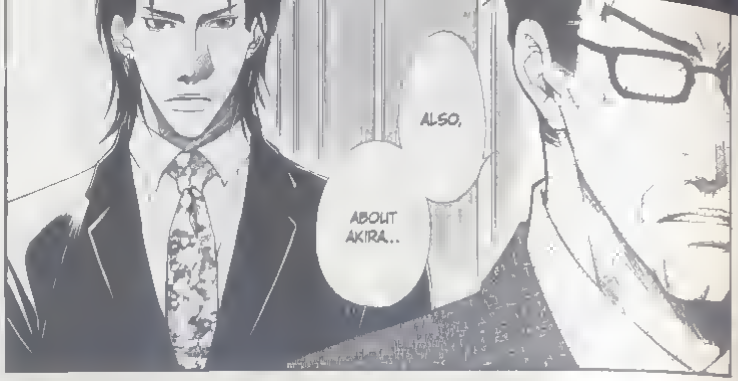
KASUGA R&C PRESIDENTIAL SECTION.
YES?
RING
RING
WHAT LOVELY WEATHER.
HE'S TAKEN THE AFTERNOON OFF
NISHIKIKOUJI-SAN
THERE ARE SOME DOCUMENTS HE REALLY NEEDS TO SEE...
WHERE IS PRESIDENT HYOUGAMI?
CAN YOU DRIVE? YOU CAN DELIVER THEM WHEN YOU PICK HIM UP
I SEE.
HE'S AT THE UNIVERSITY.
CLACK
CLACK

I READ YOUR BOOK.
THE NEW HIRES WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW AMAZING YOU ARE.
AND THAT IN YOUR LAST JOB YOU FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL BY TAKING NIGHT CLASSES
WHO TOLD YOU THAT?
HIS COOL EXPRESSION NEVER CHANGES
STUDYING CAN BE DONE ANYTIME
IF YOU NEED A WEAPON LIKE "ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT," THAT IS
HE'S ALWAYS COMPOSED
A WEAPON?
VROOM
IF YOU'D WAITED, WE WOULD HAVE LOST THE CLIENT
GOOD CALL, KASUGA.
HM?
YES, THAT'S FINE
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU
THE FIRST TIME I'VE COME TO REALIZE SHE'S COMING TO WORK FOR YOUGAM
THAT YOU'RE STILL IN SCHOOL,
AND DON'T CARRY A CELL PHONE ON CAMPUS
I HAD NO IDEA.

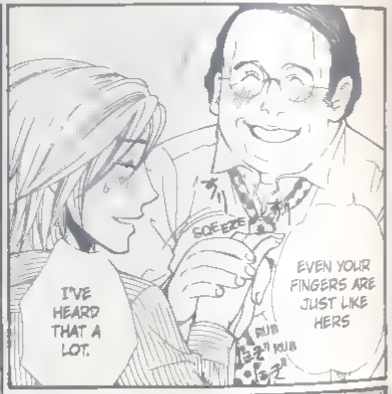
KASUGA CORPORATION TOOK ME AWAY FROM THERE.
AH!
SHUDDER
HUH ...?
I USED TO WORK AT MY FAMILY'S REAL ESTATE AGENCY.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
ME THIS?
WHY ARE YOU
TELLING
I DON'T UNDER-STAND,
THUMP
THUMP
YOU-GAIN AT ALL.

SCREECH
I'M DRIVING!
ARE YOU,
INTERESTED IN ME?
S STOP IT..
BRAKE
I'M SCARED!!


THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S MY JOB!!
Y-YES SIR
MR PRESI-DENT!
AND YOU'LL DO YOUR JOB!
YOU WORK FOR ME, AS PART OF RSC.
DOESN'T TANIZAKI HAVE STRONG CONNECTIONS TO THE MEDICAL STAFF AT THE NEW GENERAL HOSPITAL?
YES SIR.
KASUGA.
I WANT YOU TO COME TO OUR MEETING WITH DIET MEMBER TANIZAKI
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO SEE MY FATHER
HE HASN'T ASKED TO SEE ME SINCE I CAME HERE.
IS THERE SOME NEED TO MEET HIM AS FAMILY?
MY FATHER?
CHAIRMAN KASUGA WILL BE THERE
HE'S INSTRUCTED THAT YOU COME AS HIS SON
LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THIS
JUN'ICHIROU AND I FOUGHT OVER HER, YOU SEE
HA HA HA
DID YOU KNOW MY MOTHER?
BUT YOU LOOK JUST LIKE RYOUKO
I KNOW WE'VE NEVER MET
WE'RE GOING TO WORK
THIS ISN'T A FRIENDLY DINNER WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
IF WE CAN'T GET THE DIET'S PERMISSION, WE CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH OUR PLANS

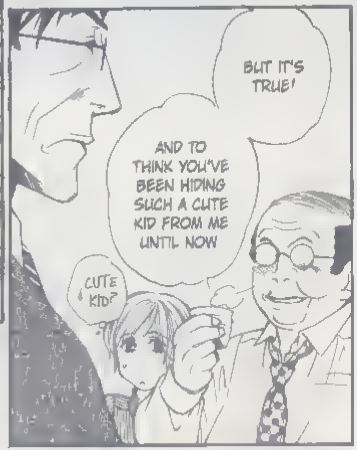

ALSO,
ABOUT AKIRA..

YOU NEED MY PERMISSION NO MITTER WHAT, DON'T YOU?
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE, ISN'T IT?
HAAH
HAAH

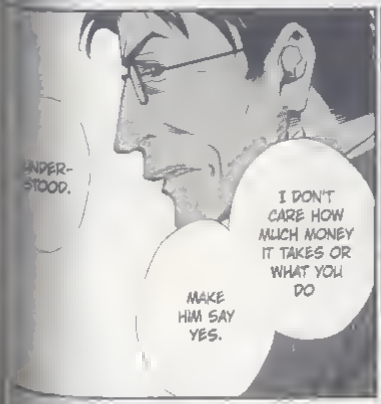

I'VE HEARD THAT A LOT.
EVEN YOUR FINGERS ARE JUST LIKE HERS

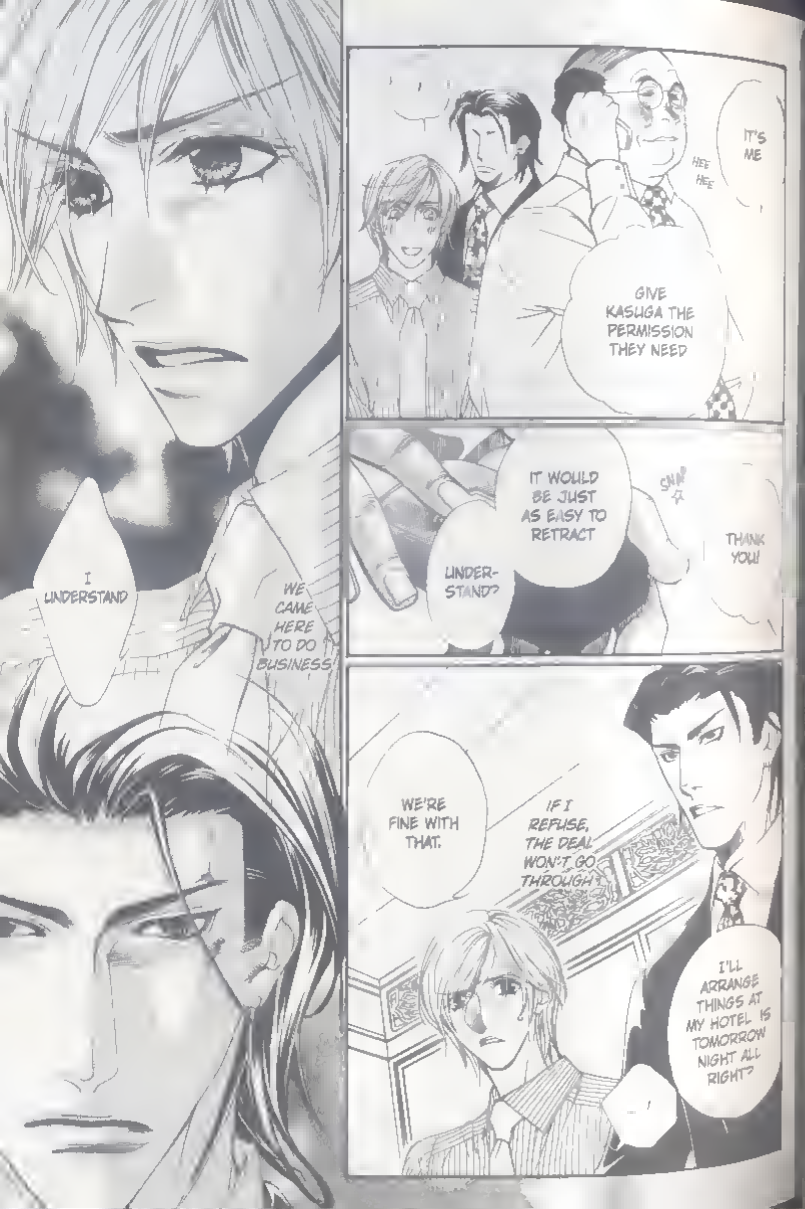
I'LL BET
LICK
SIR?!

L LEAVE OUGAMI D AKIRA RE WITH YOU.
EXCUSE ME,
BUT I'LL BE GOING


BUT IT'S TRUE!
AND TO THINK YOU'VE BEEN HIDING SUCH A CUTE KID FROM ME UNTIL NOW
CUTE KID?

OOH,
STAY, RA-KUN, STAY!
ME TOO...!
I'LL WALK YOU OUT


UNDER-STOOD.
I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH MONEY IT TAKES OR WHAT YOU DO
MAKE HIM SAY YES.


I UNDERSTAND
WE CAME HERE TO DO BUSINESS!
IT'S ME
HEE HEE
GIVE KASUGA THE PERMISSION THEY NEED
IT WOULD BE JUST AS EASY TO RETRACT
UNDER-STAND?
SNIP
THANK YOU!
WE'RE FINE WITH THAT.
IF I REFUSE, THE DEAL WON'T GO THROUGH?
I'LL ARRANGE THINGS AT MY HOTEL IS TOMORROW NIGHT ALL RIGHT?

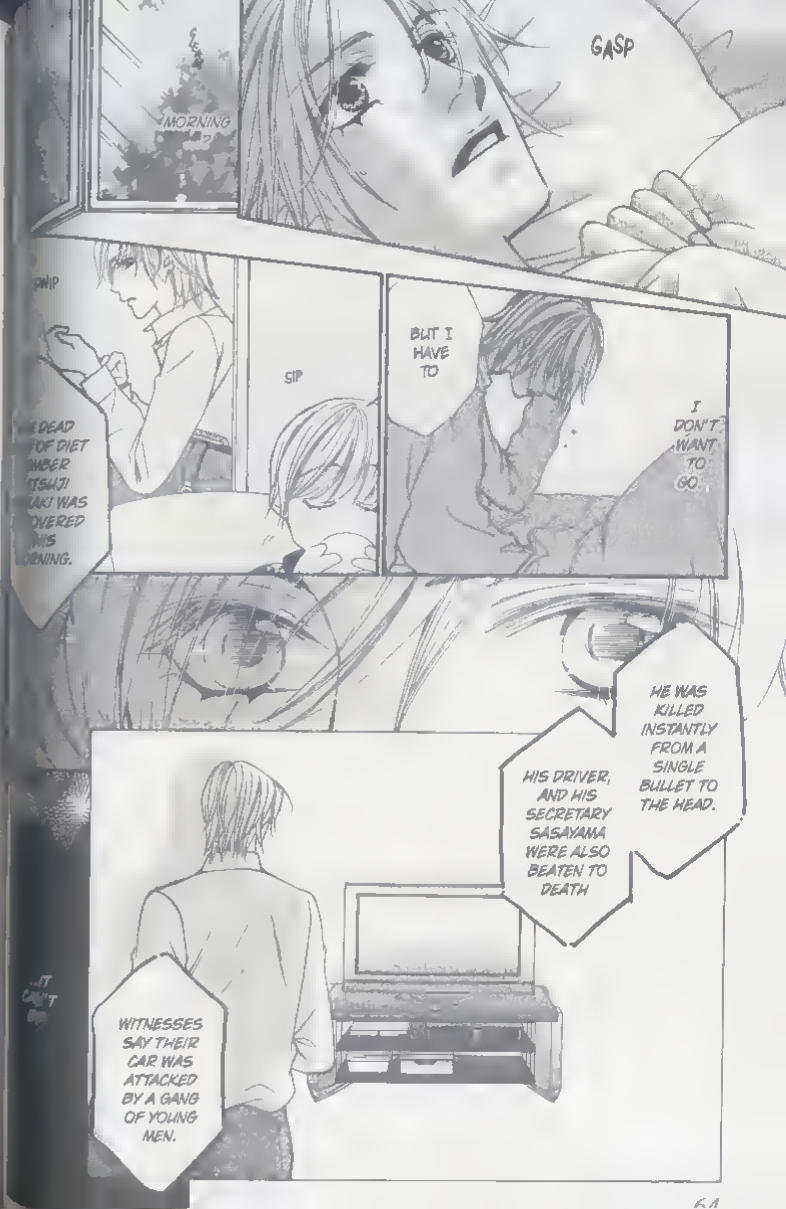
EASIER SAID THAN DONE.
HAAH
HAAH
STOP...
I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU NOW, IF YOU'RE A GOOD SPORT.
PRESIDENT HYOUGAN!!
YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE A GESTURE OF GOOD FAITH.
THAT IS MY NEWEST EMPLOYEE,
AND ALSO THE CHAIRMAN'S SON
IF YOU WANT HIM,

WHAT ARE YOU ?!
DON'T MOVE
SLURP
NN!
TUG
I'M SURE YOUR FATHER WOULD BE PLEASED.
WELL DONE, KASUGA
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD REFUSE..
SHUT
DID I DO THAT TO PLEASE MY FATHER?
WHY DIDN'T YOU?
?!
FLINCH
SHUDDER
OR I'LL HURT YOU AGAIN
I CAN'T STOP HIM ..
IF MY BODY'S STILL WORTH SOMETHING--
AT THIS POINT..
CLENCH
IT'S NOT ANY DIFFERENT THAN WHEN I NEGOTIATED WITH YOU, IS IT?
I CAN FEEL HIS RING .
DRIP
AND AFTER YOU FINALLY HEALED UP, TOO

AKIRA
SHUDDER
AHH!
IT WON'T STOP!!
...RA..
UHN!
SLAP
SLAP
AH!
HAAH
MY WHOLE BODY IS BURNING UP
AH?
WHAT?
VROOM
SHIVER
WHAT IS IT?
YOU'RE UNUSUALLY AGGRESSIVE TODAY
KISS
NN NN!
SHIVER
WHY..?
HAAH
DID YOU SLIP ME SOMETHING?
HAAH
SLURP
AREN'T YOU COLD?
HAAH
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO GENTLE?
AHH!

EXCUSE ME.
HYOU-GAMI?!
BAN
WHAT WAS THAT?!
OOF!
SCREECH
THERE ARE PEOPLE AROUND THE CAR!
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
RUN, SIR!
LURCH
EEK!
FLOP
STUMBLE
WHAT ARE ..
YOU.

NO!
I DIDN'T!
WELL, WHATEVER.
AKIRA, DID YOU SLEEP WITH HIM, TO SEAL THE DEAL?
BUT AT LEAST WE GOT HIS PERMISSION BEFORE IT HAPPENED
TANIZAKI'S MURDER IS SURPRISING
FATHER
YOU DID WELL
SHUT
I WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A BUSINESS TOOL TO HIM...!
HE INTRODUCED ME TO TANIZAKI KNOWING WHAT WOULD HAPPEN
UHH...
I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T GOING TO CRY


MORNING
GASP
SIP
BUT I HAVE TO
I DON'T WANT TO GO.
HE WAS KILLED INSTANTLY FROM A SINGLE BULLET TO THE HEAD.
HIS DRIVER, AND HIS SECRETARY SASAYAMA WERE ALSO BEATEN TO DEATH
WITNESSES SAY THEIR CAR WAS ATTACKED BY A GANG OF YOUNG MEN.

SCENE. 3

DO YOU HATE JUN'ICHIROU KASUGA?
T IF I TRUST GAMI'S LE.
YOU AND I CAN RUIN HIM
AND YET.
I TOOK HIS HAND
NEXT

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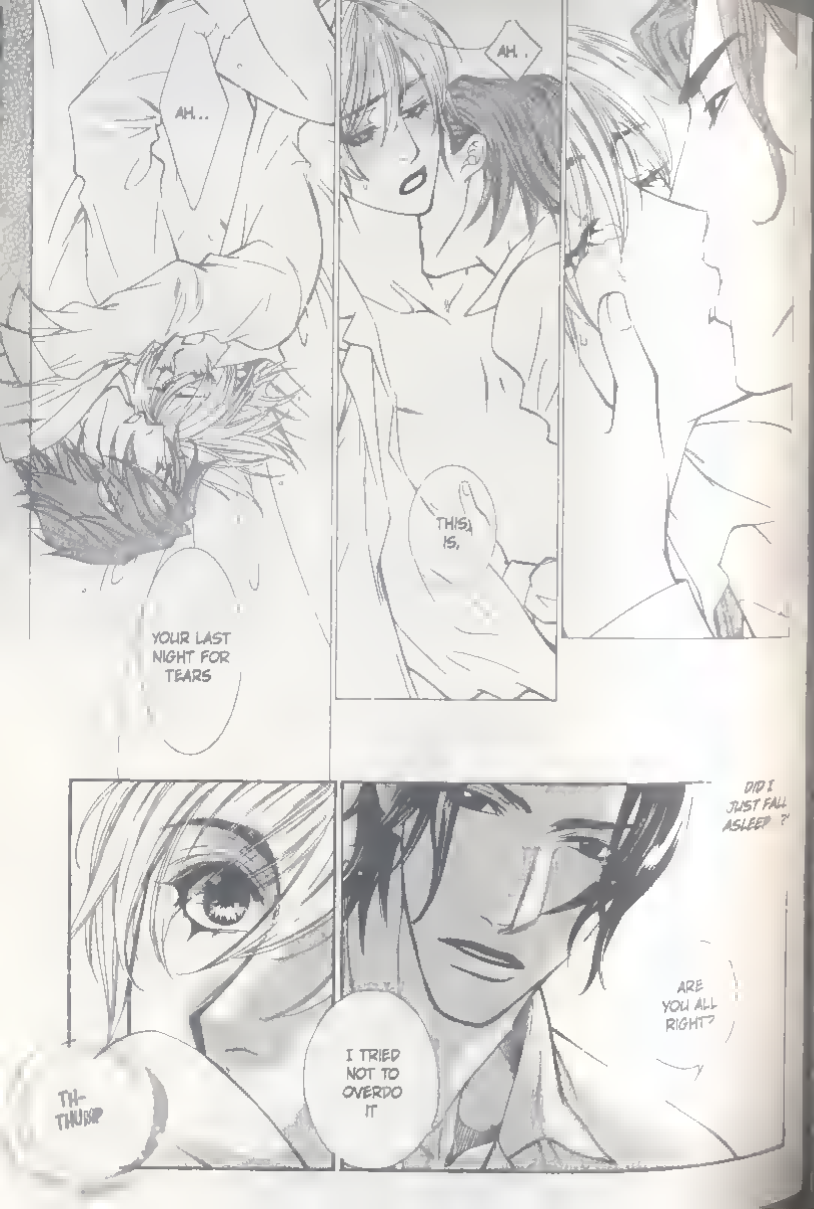
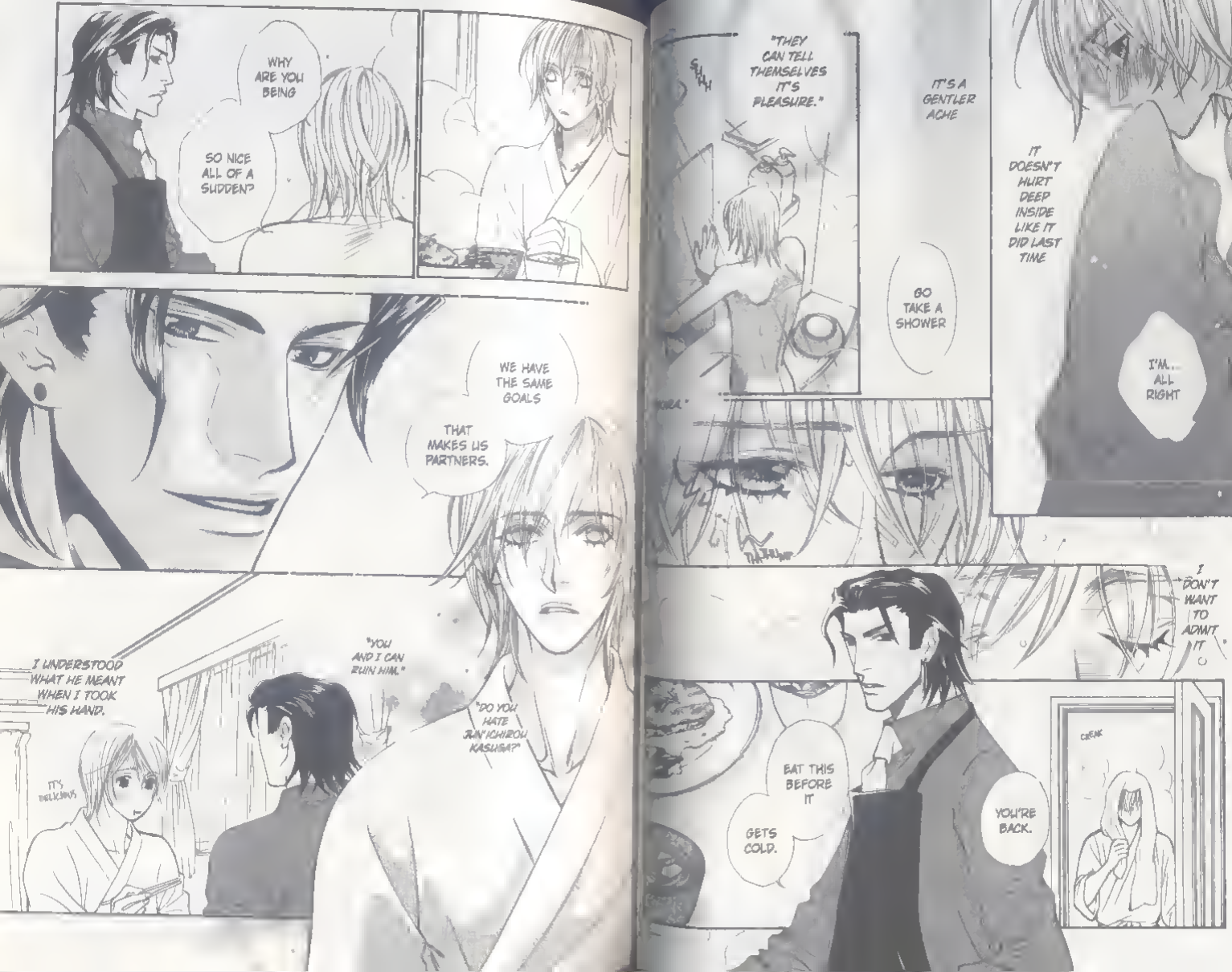
ENDLESS RAIN


AH..
AH.
THIS IS,
YOUR LAST NIGHT FOR TEARS
TH-THUMP
I TRIED NOT TO OVERDO IT
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
DID I JUST FALL ASLEEP ?

SHOULDN'T YOU BE WORRYING ABOUT YOUR BROTHER?
I'M NAKED?!
FWOOP
IT'S ALREADY AFTER-NOON.
DON'T CRY ANYMORE.
THAT'S RIGHT.
YESTERDAY, WE HAD DRINKS AT HYOUGAMI'S PLACE

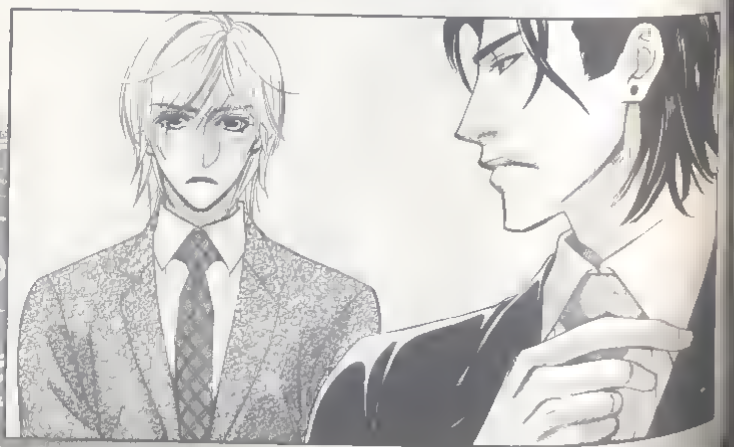

WHY ARE YOU BEING
SO NICE ALL OF A SUDDEN?
WE HAVE THE SAME GOALS
THAT MAKES US PARTNERS.
"DO YOU HATE JUN'ICHIROU KASUGA?"
"YOU AND I CAN RUIN HIM."
I UNDERSTOOD WHAT HE MEANT WHEN I TOOK HIS HAND.
IT'S DELICIOUS
"THEY CAN TELL THEMSELVES IT'S PLEASURE."
SHH
IT'S A GENTLER ACHE
GO TAKE A SHOWER
IT DOESN'T HURT DEEP INSIDE LIKE IT DID LAST TIME
I'M... ALL RIGHT
I DON'T WANT TO ADMIT IT.
EAT THIS BEFORE IT GETS COLD.
CREAK
YOU'RE BACK.

BECAUSE HIS VOICE HASN'T CHANGED SINCE THE FIRST TIME I MET HIM
WHAT?
I KNOW YOU'VE ALWAYS TRUSTED HIM.
BUT WHY? YOU'RE NOT SCARED OF HIM?
I WAS GLAD HE DIDN'T TRY TO TREAT ME DIFFERENTLY
BUT HYOUGAMI-SAN'S STAYED THE SAME
I CAN TELL WHAT PEOPLE ARE THINKING FROM THE CHANGE IN THEIR VOICE
WHEN THEY REALIZE I'M BLIND, THEY EITHER BECOME SUPER NICE OR TRY TO TEASE ME..
NAO..
KASUGA
WELCOME BACK, BROTHER
NAO
SURE
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME COFFEE?
I'M GLAD YOU AND HYOUGAMI-SAN ARE GETTING ALONG
NO, I.
WHAT?!
I SMELL A DIFFERENT SOAP THAN OURS
HM?
DID YOU TAKE A BATH AT HYOUGAMI'S?
SNIFF SNIFF
YEAH
NAO-SAN BROUGHT ME HOME
WERE YOU OKAY BY YOURSELF?
I'M HOME

KASUGA-KUN, ABOUT TODAY'S MEETING
OH?
HA HA HA
DON'T BE SO EMBARRASSED, I'VE HEARD ALL ABOUT IT
NISHIKIKOUJI-SAN?!
YOU'VE HEARD ?
RUB
IT'S A HICKEY ♡
I SEE THAT
EEK!
OF COURSE NOT.
BESIDES, SHOULDN'T YOU BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT HIS BEING YOUR SISTER'S LOVER?
HUH?
WELL, YOU'RE.. HIS LOVER..
ARE YOU MAD?
HM?
I'M SORRY, NAO.
I'LL GET MY REVENGE ON JUN'ICHIROU KASUGA
SO I DON'T REALLY LIKE HIM
HE WON'T TALK TO ME AT ALL,
NAO, DO YOU LOVE OUR FATHER?
HMM..
DO YOU THINK MOTHER WAS HAPPY?
HE'S ONLY USING US TO GET WHAT HE WANTS, JUST LIKE HE USED MOTHER.
I CAN'T GO BACK.
BROTHER?
YOU'RE HURTING ME
HOW COULD SHE HAVE LOVED HIM?
SQUEEZE

TAKE HER TO THE CHAIRMAN
KYOUYA!
WHY DON'T YOU TRY THINKING ABOUT MY POSITION FOR ONCE?

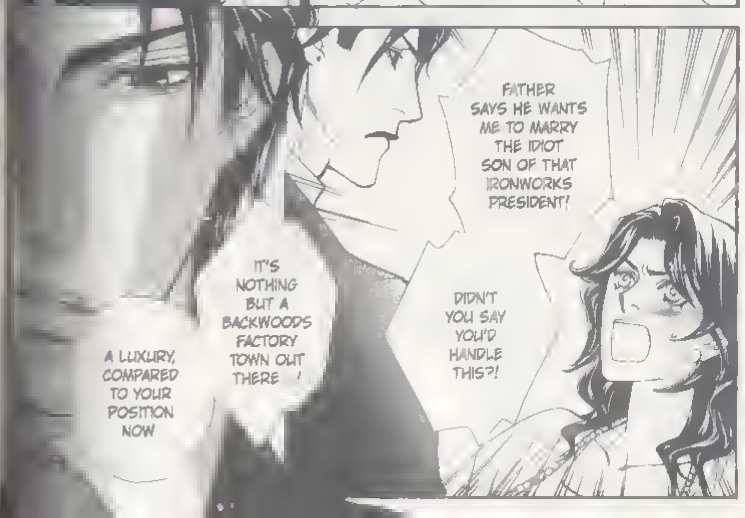
KYOUYA!



KYOUYA!

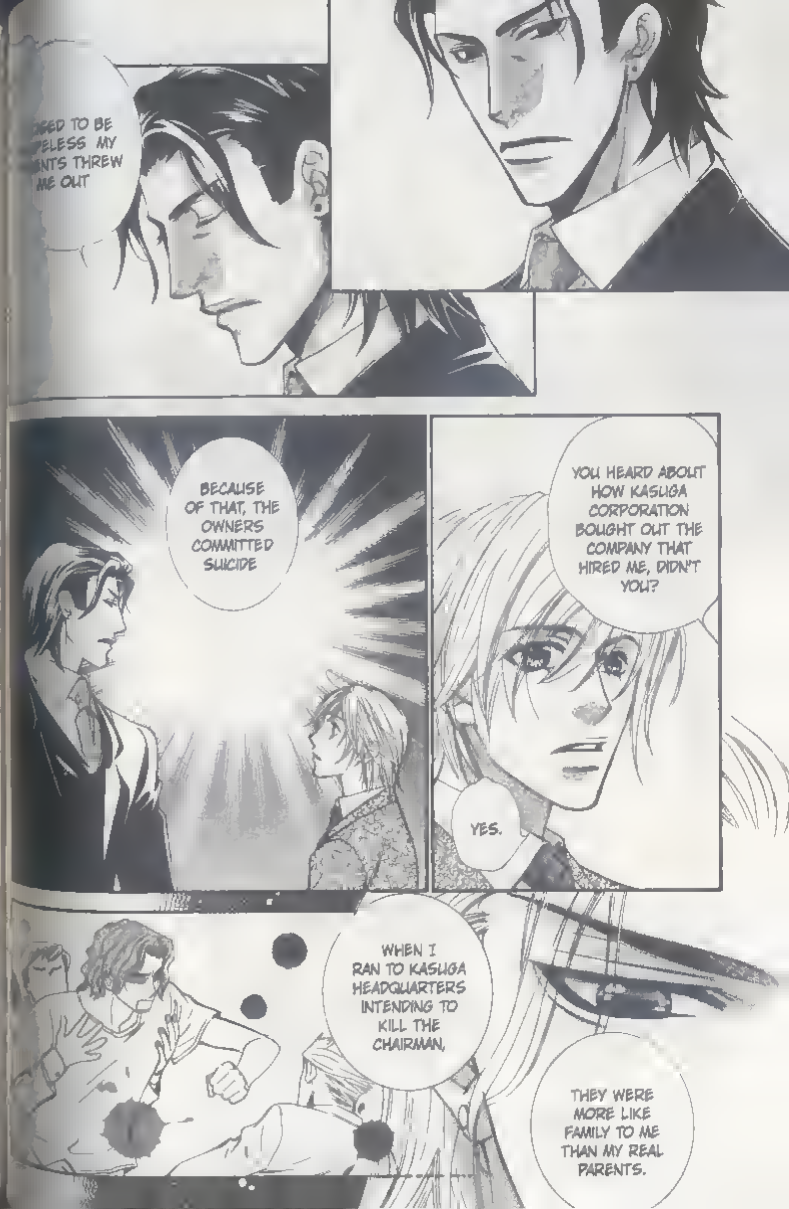
SLAM
IS KYOUYA HERE?!
YOU'RE RIGHT

SISTER?
WE HAVE TO TALK
CREAK


FATHER SAYS HE WANTS ME TO MARRY THE IDIOT SON OF THAT IRONWORKS PRESIDENT!
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'D HANDLE THIS?!
IT'S NOTHING BUT A BACKWOODS FACTORY TOWN OUT THERE
A LUXURY, COMPARED TO YOUR POSITION NOW

SHAKE
K
KYOUYA-SAN, I THOUGHT YOU WERE MARRYING MY SISTER
SHE'S THE ONE THAT DECIDED THAT
THE CHAIRMAN HATES ME
TH-THUMP
BUT IT'S ENOUGH
HIM TO HAND OVER TO OLITICIANS, SACRIFICE IS OWN AUGHTER
HE'S USING THE MANAGERS BELOW HIM WITH BRIBES OF STOCKS ..
KASUGA CORPORATION IS GOING BANKRUPT, STARTING WITH THE INNER MANAGEMENT
BUT THAT RING...
EVEN THOUGH HE'S IN CHARGE OF ONE OF FATHER'S COMPANIES?
NOW'S OUR HANCE TO DRIVE M OUT OF THE AIRMAN'S SEAT AND KASUGA CORPORATION FOR GOOD
JUN'ICHIROU KASUGA IS WEAKENING
...WHY DO YOU HATE MY FATHER?
SOMEONE HE LOVED?
I GOT THIS FROM SOMEONE I LOVED AS A TEENAGER
I CAN'T TAKE IT OFF ANYMORE
WHEN IT'S JUST US, CALL ME BY MY NAME.
HUM?
KYOUYA
BUT HYOUGAMI, THE CHAIRMAN-

ONCE I WAS OUT OF JUVENILE DETENTION, I HID MY IDENTITY AND JOINED A GANG
WE TOOK CARE OF KASUGA CORPORATION'S DIRTY WORK.
HAAH
I FULLY REALIZED HOW POWERLESS I WAS
HAAH
HE WASN'T THERE
HAAH
I LET THEM USE ME, AND JOINED KASUGA CORPORATION
SO I COULD DISCOVER THEIR WEAKNESSES
I DID ALL MANNER OF UGLY CRUEL JOBS
IN ORDER TO KILL A WHALE,
WHY .?
COULD IT BE .


BECAUSE OF THAT, THE OWNERS COMMITTED SUICIDE
YOU HEARD ABOUT HOW KASUGA CORPORATION BOUGHT OUT THE COMPANY THAT HIRED ME, DIDN'T YOU?
YES.
WHEN I RAN TO KASUGA HEADQUARTERS INTENDING TO KILL THE CHAIRMAN,
THEY WERE MORE LIKE FAMILY TO ME THAN MY REAL PARENTS.

AND ONCE HE'S FALLEN FROM HIS POSITION,
AKIRA,
I'LL MAKE YOU THE CHAIRMAN OF KASUGA CORPORATION
HOW CAN I BELIEVE SOMEONE AS DANGEROUS AS HIM?
TH-THUMP
I WILL KILL JUN'ICHIROU KASUGA WHILE HE STILL LIVES
I WILL TAKE EVERYTHING FROM HIM
THAT IS MY SOLE REASON FOR LIVING.
YOU NEED TO EAT IT FROM THE INSIDE OUT
DID YOU KILL TANIZAKI, TOO?!
I KNEW IT...!
TH-THUMP
OUR NEGOTIATIONS WERE FINISHED THERE WAS NO REASON TO KILL HIM
WHAT ...?
NO
GH GLAD DIDN'T GET TO PUT HIS T ON YOU
TH-THUMP

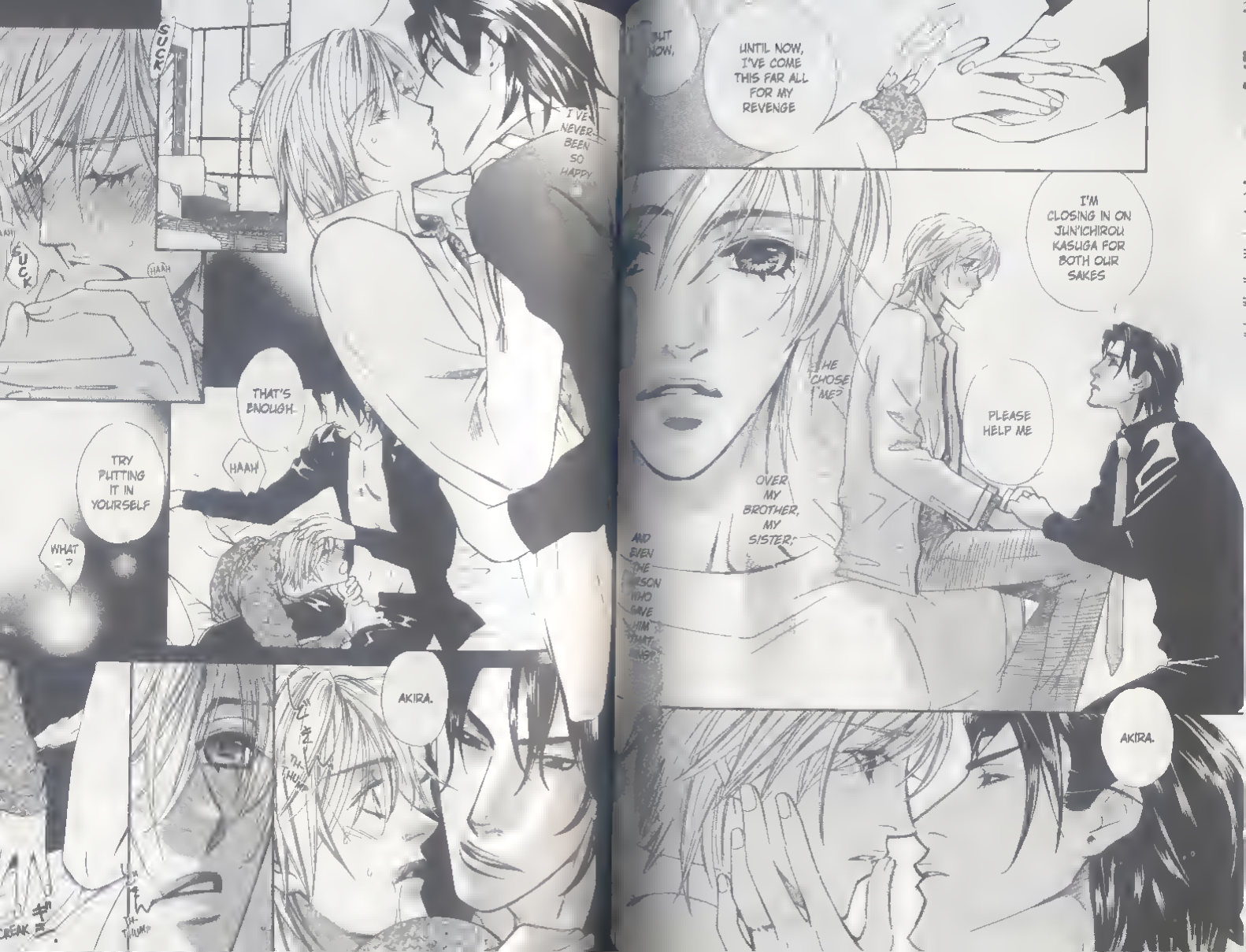
THROB
IS THE PERSON THAT GAVE HIM THAT RING.
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN MOVE KYOUYA-SAN
AND HE'S USING THAT EXCELLENCE MERELY FOR REVENGE.
NOTH-ING
DUB
I'VE RECEIVED WORD FROM THE HOSPITAL THAT YUUICHIROU IS NOT DOING WELL
MY BROTHER?
LINE 3
AKIRA-KUN, YOU HAVE A CALL FROM YOUR FATHER.
SHOULDN'T YOU BE GOING, FATHER?!
CLICK
GO GIVE IT TO THEM
THEY NEED FAMILIAL CONSENT BEFORE THEY CAN START NEW TREATMENT.
I HELD SECRET MEETINGS WITH THE MANAGERS FED UP WITH MY FATHER, AND THE HEADS OF HIS ASSOCIATED COMPANIES.
I HELPED ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS KASUGA CORPORATION HAD BUILT UP OVER THE YEARS.
PLEASE HELP THE IRONWORKS THAT THE CHAIRMAN ABANDONED
AFTER THAT,
HE'S AN EXPERIENCED MAN.
EVEN BEING A 23 YEAR OLD BASTARD, FATHER'S OWN COUSIN SEIICHI KASUGA SUPPORTED ME
WE'LL DO OUR BEST!
WITH YOU HERE, WE'LL BE ABLE TO STAND UP FOR OURSELVES.
WHAT IS IT?
HE'S NOT JUST CONNECTED. HE'S AMAZING.
HE'S NOT JUST CAPABLE.

I'D COME SEE YOU MORE OFTEN,
BUT THE DOCTORS AND FATHER WON'T DISCHARGE ME.
YOU LOOK WELL I'M GLAD.
HE'S COMPLETELY CHANGED
FUNCH
LONG TIME NO SEE
BY THE WAY ARE YOU HERE ALONE?
HUH?
ISN'T KYOUYA WITH YOU?
NO
LIAR
HE MUST BE
IT'S RAINING
WHAT ARROGANCE!!
HE WON'T EVEN VISIT HIS OWN HOSPITALIZED SON...
RE RE RE
FOUR
DON'T TELL HIM I'M HERE
HUH?
YOU GO ON AHEAD I'LL WAIT HERE.
AKIRA.
YOU CAME
OH.
AKIRA-KUN.

HAAH
RIGHT HERE..
PUT IT IN ME..
HAAH
FUCK ME RAW!!
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
PLEASE, KYOUYA.
TAKE ME!
SHAKE
GRAB
WHERE IS HE?!
WHERE DID YOU HIDE HIM?!
SHAKE
BROTHER, THAT HURTS..
SHAKE
YOU'RE TRYING TO STEAL KYOUYA FROM ME!!
I'LL KILL YOU!
KYOUYAAAA!
CALL THE DOCTOR.
Y-YES, SIR!

WOULD YOU BELIEVE ME IF I SAID NO?
CAN'T STAND THIS
VROOM
IS THAT WHY YOU APPROACHED ME, TOO?!
MADE LOVE TO ME
HOW COULD I BELIEVE YOU?
TO THINK THAT SOMEONE WHO LIVES SO FULL FOR THE SAKE OF HIS PAST LOVER?
H.
キキッ
SCREECH
TRYING TO RUIN OUR ENTIRE FAMILY AS PART OF YOUR REVENGE?!
OR ARE YOU
VROOM
YOU WERE USING HIM BECAUSE HE WAS A KASUGA, WEREN'T YOU?
NOT JUST MY SISTER, BUT MY BROTHER, TOO

YOUR FINGER!
HOW COULD YOU...
CLINK
KYOUYA-SAN?!
CRACK!
BLUSH
DO YOU BELIEVE ME NOW?
WH-
YOU'RE CUTE, AKIRA
THUMP
THE RING WAS BITING INTO MY FINGER, SO I HAD TO CUT IT.
HUH?
DID YOU THINK I WAS GOING TO CUT OFF MY FINGER?
LET GO!
NO!
氷上
1201
SLAM
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
I JUST HAVE TO GET RID OF THIS RING, IS THAT IT?
MUTTER
YOU SAID IT WOULDN'T COME OFF
RUMMAGE

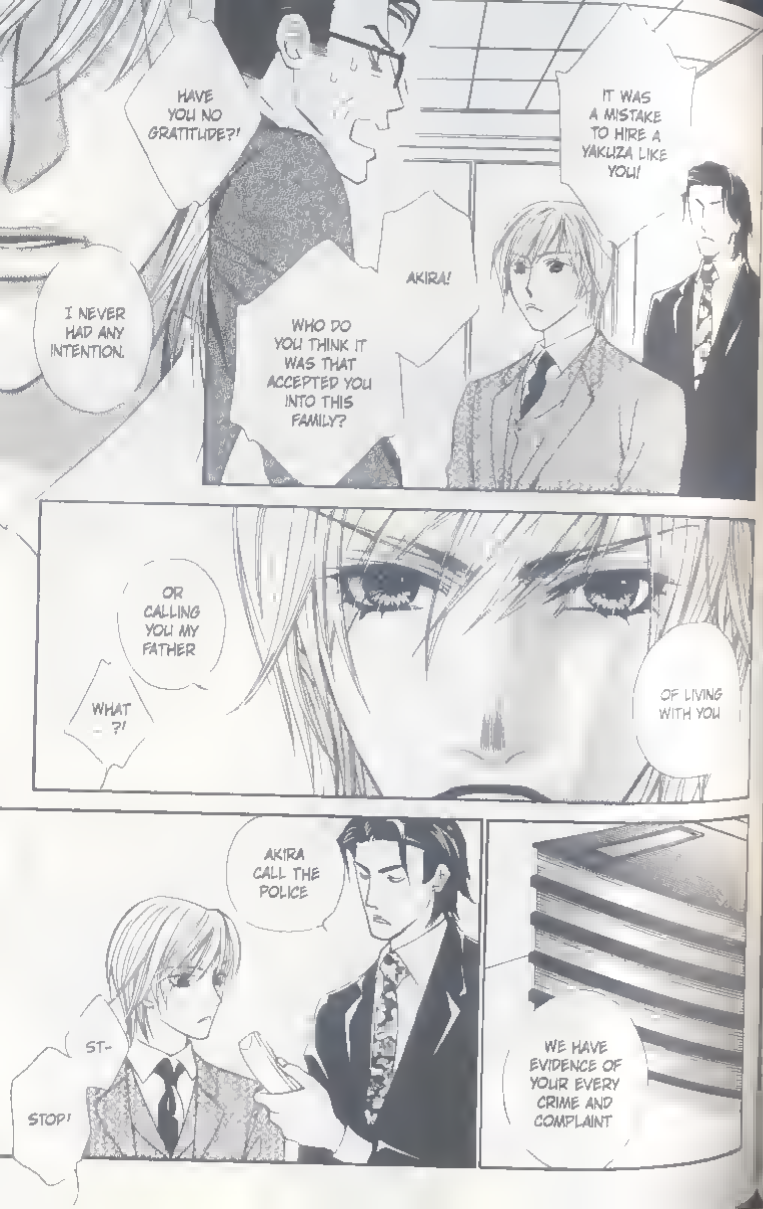

SUCK
I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HAPPY
AHH
FUCK
HAAH
THAT'S ENOUGH
HAAH
TRY PUTTING IT IN YOURSELF
WHAT ?
AKIRA.
BUT NOW,
UNTIL NOW, I'VE COME THIS FAR ALL FOR MY REVENGE
I'M CLOSING IN ON JUN'ICHIROU KASUGA FOR BOTH OUR SAKES
HE CHOSE ME?
PLEASE HELP ME
OVER MY BROTHER, MY SISTER,
AND EVEN THE PERSON WHO GAVE HIM WHAT
AKIRA.

SLAP
DOES IT FEEL GOOD, AKIRA?
ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT, I WANTED HIM.
I WAS EVEN CO/
YES
SAME HERE
SLAP
YOUR BODY IS SO HOT!
SPURT
AHH!
SHIVER
HAAH
HAAH
THE RAIN CONTINUED TO POUR.
HAAH
AH!
HAAH
HAH
AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING
WE'LL FINISH HIM
UHHN!
ALL RIGHT?

SHUDD
AAH!
I DON'T KNOW WHEN IT HAP-PENED
KYO
KYOUYA-SAN!
THRO
THAT I GOT CAUGHT UP IN HIS CHARMS
(HAAH)
SLAP
AH!
MO
MORE
SLAP
MMN!

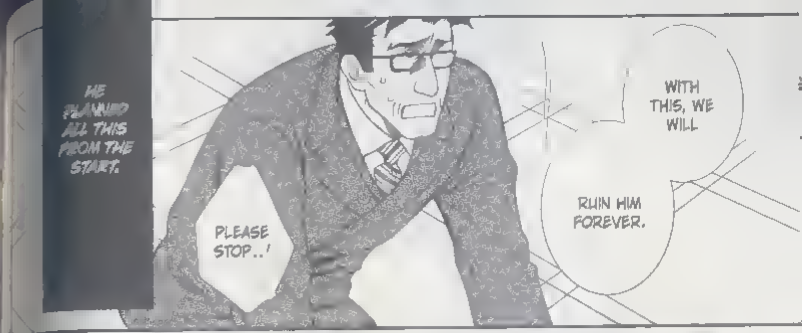
WE ASK THAT JUN'ICHIROU KASUGA BE REMOVED AS CORPORATION CHAIRMAN
BEFORE WE BEGIN, I HAVE AN ISSUE TO ADDRESS
WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS,
WHAT IS IT, HYOUGA?!
THROW THIS MAN OUT!
DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS!
AS FOR A NEW CHAIRMAN..
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?!
WHY AREN'T YOU MOVING
CREAK

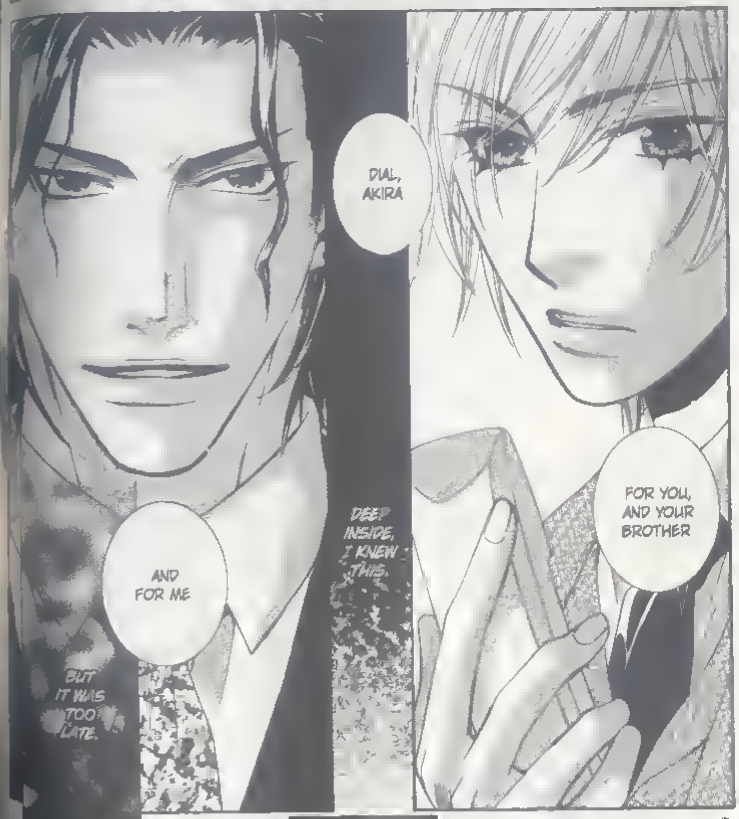
THAT SWEET DARKNESS,
YES,
SWAL-LOWED ME WHOLE..
WE WILL NOW BEGIN THE KASUGA CORPORATION BOARD MEETING


HAVE YOU NO GRATITUDE?!
I NEVER HAD ANY INTENTION.
IT WAS A MISTAKE TO HIRE A YAKUZA LIKE YOU!
AKIRA!
WHO DO YOU THINK IT WAS THAT ACCEPTED YOU INTO THIS FAMILY?
OR CALLING YOU MY FATHER
WHAT ...?!
OF LIVING WITH YOU
AKIRA CALL THE POLICE
ST-
STOP!
WE HAVE EVIDENCE OF YOUR EVERY CRIME AND COMPLAINT

I NOMINATE AKIRA KASUGA
ET ME GO!
UNHAND ME!
CHEER
A NEW START FOR KASUGA CORPORATION!
I CONCUR!
AKIRA
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP
TAKE THAT BACK!!
SLAM!

SCENE.4

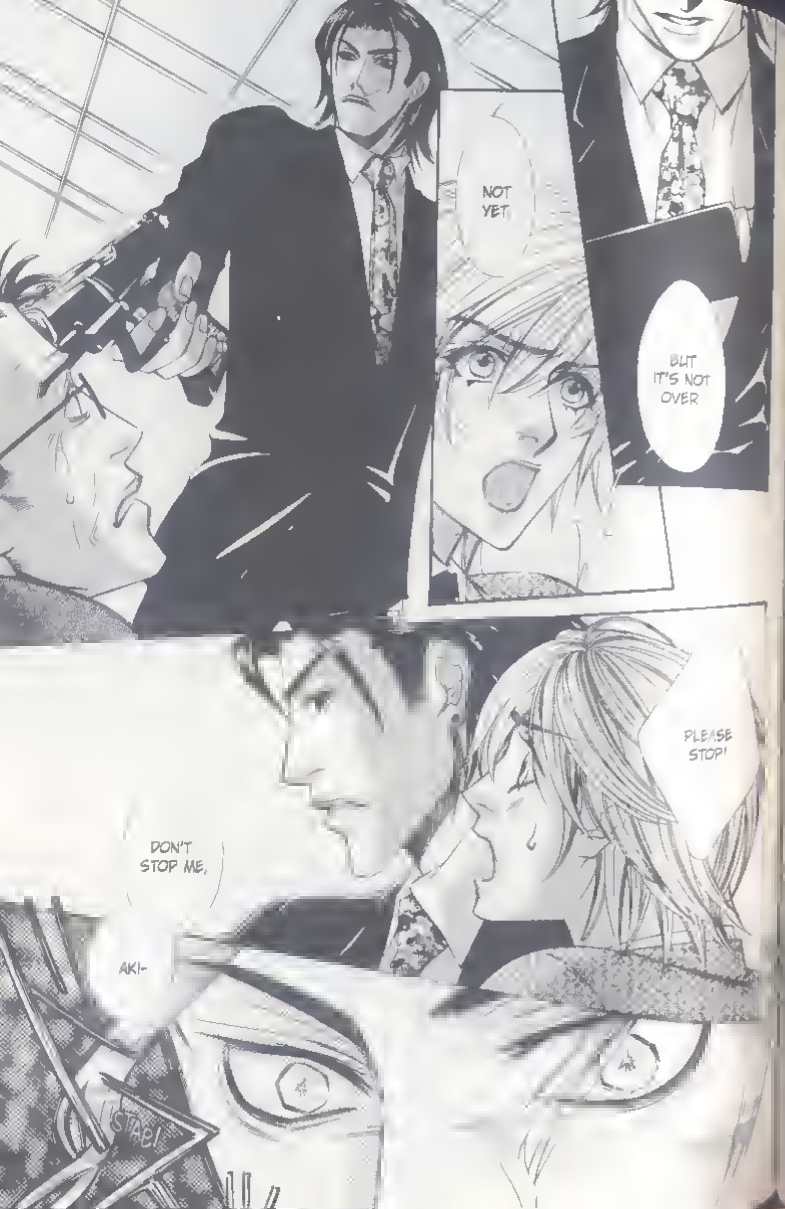

HE PLANNED ALL THIS FROM THE START.
PLEASE STOP..!
WITH THIS, WE WILL
RUIN HIM FOREVER.


DIAL, AKIRA
AND FOR ME
BUT IT WAS TOO LATE.
DEEP INSIDE, I KNEW THIS.
FOR YOU, AND YOUR BROTHER

NEXT

I WANTED TO LOVE YOU!!
I WANTED TO...
OUR MOTHER?
IT WAS YOU WHO ONLY CARED ENOUGH TO SEND MONEY!
IT'S WHAT RYOUKO WANTED.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...?
I SAID THIS WHEN AKIRA WAS BORN AS WELL
I'M HAPPY ENOUGH, KNOWING THAT YOU ACCEPT AKIRA AND NAO AS YOUR SONS
I DON'T WANT TO STEAL YOU FROM YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN
WHEN WE LEARNED THAT NAO WAS BLIND...
YOU CAN'T GET A DIVORCE
IT'S WHAT HYOUGAW-SAN AND I HAVE WANTED.
IT SHOULD BE EASY.
JUST PRESS THE NUMBERS,
AND SUF-FOCATE HIM.
DO YOU HATE ME THAT MUCH?
WHAT?
NAO, TOO?
DRIP
WAS IT MY FAULT, THAT I WASN'T ABLE TO LOVE YOU?

I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU EVEN MORE
THAT'S WHY I HAD TO LEAVE AND BEAR OUR RELATIVE'S DISDAIN!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D LOSE RYOUKO SO SOON.
THAT BROAD, WARM HAND.
IT'S WARM
NO
GO AHEAD AND MAKE THAT CALL
IF IT WILL SATISFY YOU,
I'M SORRY
PROMISE ME THAT THEY'LL LIVE FREELY
THANK YOU, BUT I CAN'T ACCEPT THAT WITH YOUR WORK BEING AS IT IS
BUT...
THEN AT LEAST LET ME PAY YOUR LIVING EXPENSES!
YOU WOULDN'T LET ME WHEN AKIRA WAS BORN.
I UNDERSTAND...
I'LL KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THE KASUGA...
I'LL STAY AWAY FROM THEM, AS I HAVE BEEN.
SNORE
AH.

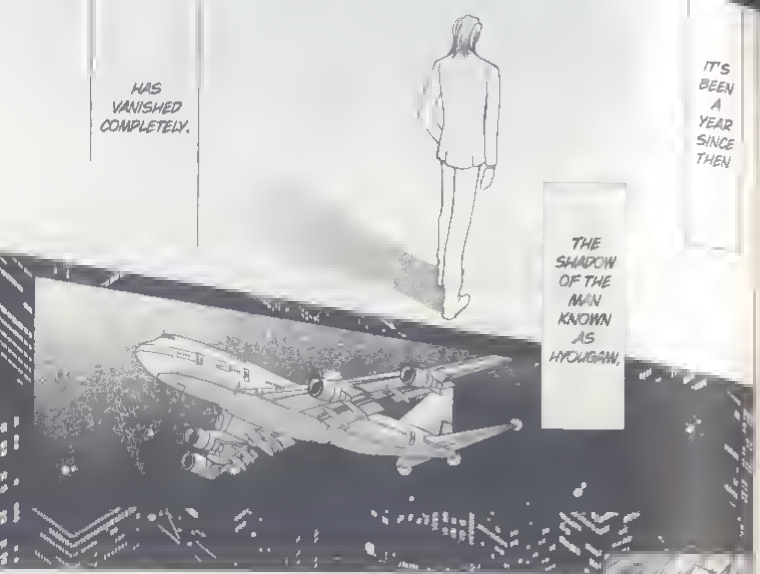

NOT YET
BUT IT'S NOT OVER
PLEASE STOP!
DON'T STOP ME,
AKI-
STAB!

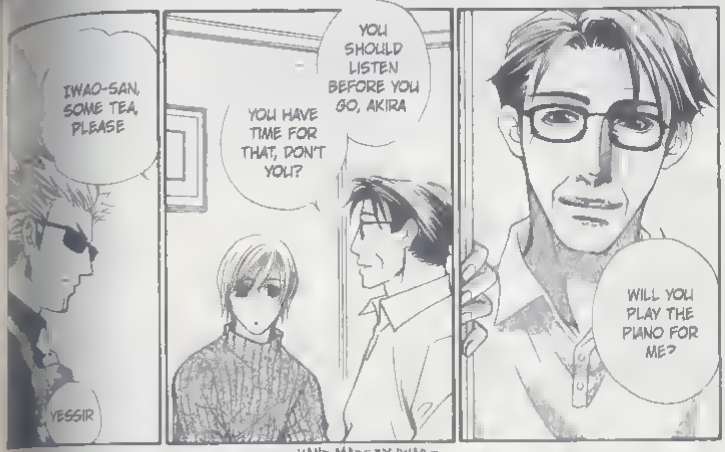
IF THE CHAIRMAN IS DISMISSED AND ARRESTED,
I... WON'T DO IT
WHAT IS IT, AKIRA?
IF WE JUST REMOVE HIM FROM MANAGEMENT
WHAT?
I KNEW IT

HYOUGAMI-SAN!
STAY BACK!
YOU CAN'T HAVE HIM.
HE BELONGS ONLY TO ME
SLICE
DRIP
DRIP
YUUI.
THUD

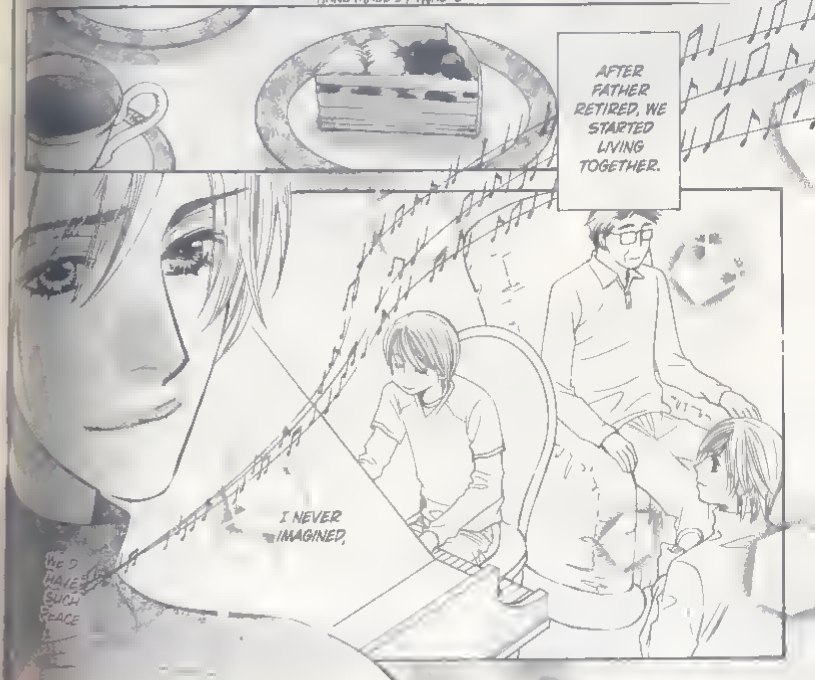
HE WAS A HORRIBLE MAN.
I HEARD THAT HYOUGANJI, WHOM YUUICHIROU KILLED,
WAS USING KASUGA FUNDS TO MANIPULATE ITS STOCKS
WELL,
PRESIDENT AKIRA MUST BE VERY FORGIVING
I HEARD THAT HE WAS GIVEN A SECRET FUNERAL AT R&C
THOUGH AT LAST NOW A BURDEN HAS BEEN LIFTED FROM THE CHAIRMAN
THEY SAY IT WAS SUICIDE
POOR YUUICHIROU-SAN
WELL DONE!
YOU ALL WORKED HARD
IT SEEMS OUR FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR WENT BETTER THAN EXPECTED
KASUGA CORPORATION WILL BE AKIRA'S EVENTUALLY
THOUGH SINCE SEIICHI-SAN HAS NO CHILDREN
NO, IT SEEMS SEIICHI-SAN WILL, AND AKIRA WILL BECOME PRESIDENT OF R&C
IS HIS KID AKIRA GOING TO TAKE OVER?
OH THAT'S RIGHT, HE RESIGNED.

HAVE A LOVELY VACATION
YES
I HEAR HE'LL BE PICKING YOU UP AT THE AIRPORT TOMORROW.
HE'S A WELL RESPECTED EMPLOYEE AT KASUGA'S N.Y BRANCH
HE'S A HALF JAPANESE MAN FROM AMERICA.
ARE YOU GOING, BROTHER?
NAO
I WILL
TAKE CARE OF FATHER AND THE HOUSE
I'M SORRY NAO
AND YOUR FLIGHT TO NEW YORK IS AT 8 PM.
THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING
AND THAT'S THE END OF MY WORK.
OH..
SIGH
THANK YOU. THAT'S IT FOR TODAY, NO?
WONDERFUL SPEECH, MR PRESIDENT.
STEP
STEP
YES
NEXT IS NARITA.
IF YOU WOULD, PLEASE COME BY MY SHOP SOME TIME
I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU AND YOUR GUEST.
IS THIS REALLY ALL RIGHT? WE DIDN'T EVEN THROW YOU A PARTY
I HATE THOSE THINGS
BUT,
DON'T WORRY YOUR NEW SECRETARY IS PERFECTLY SKILLED.
I AM A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT YOU NOT BEING HERE.

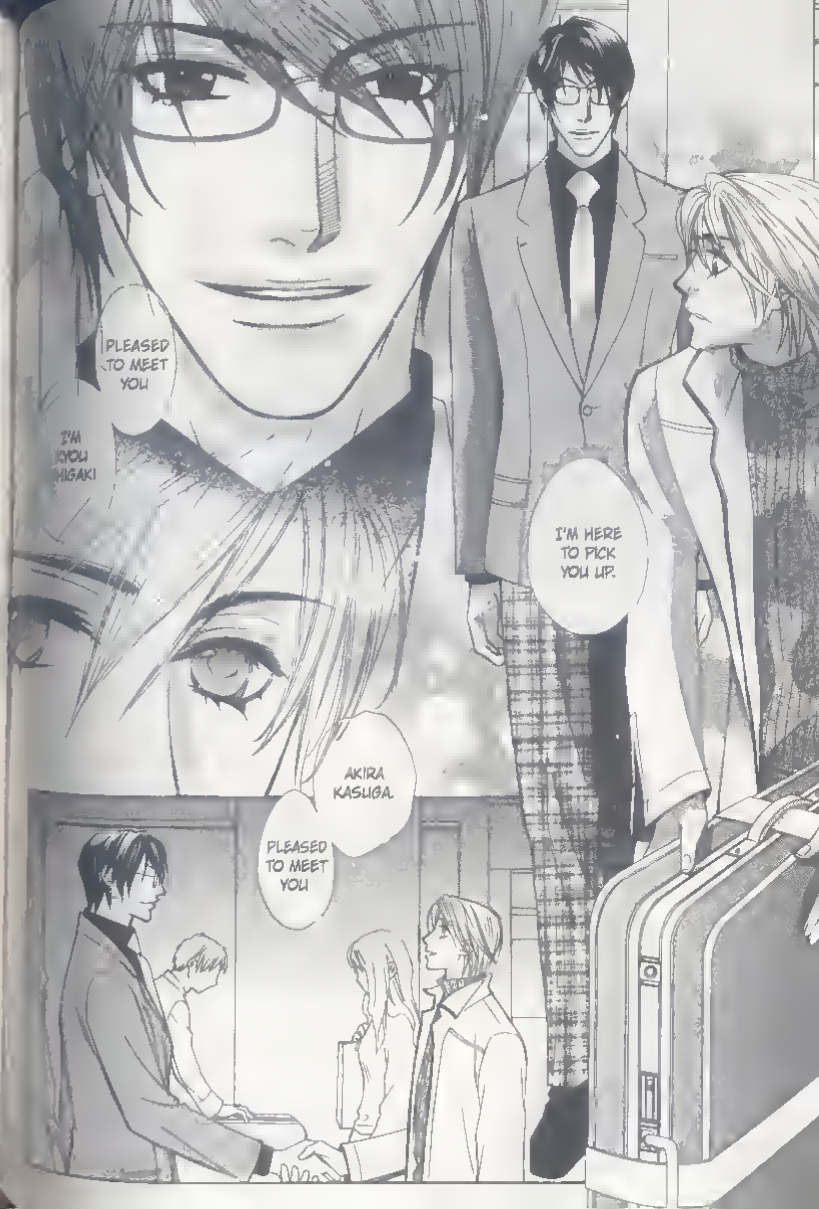



IWAO-SAN, SOME TEA, PLEASE
YESSIR
YOU HAVE TIME FOR THAT, DON'T YOU?
YOU SHOULD LISTEN BEFORE YOU GO, AKIRA
WILL YOU PLAY THE PIANO FOR ME?

HAND MADE BY IWAO ♡



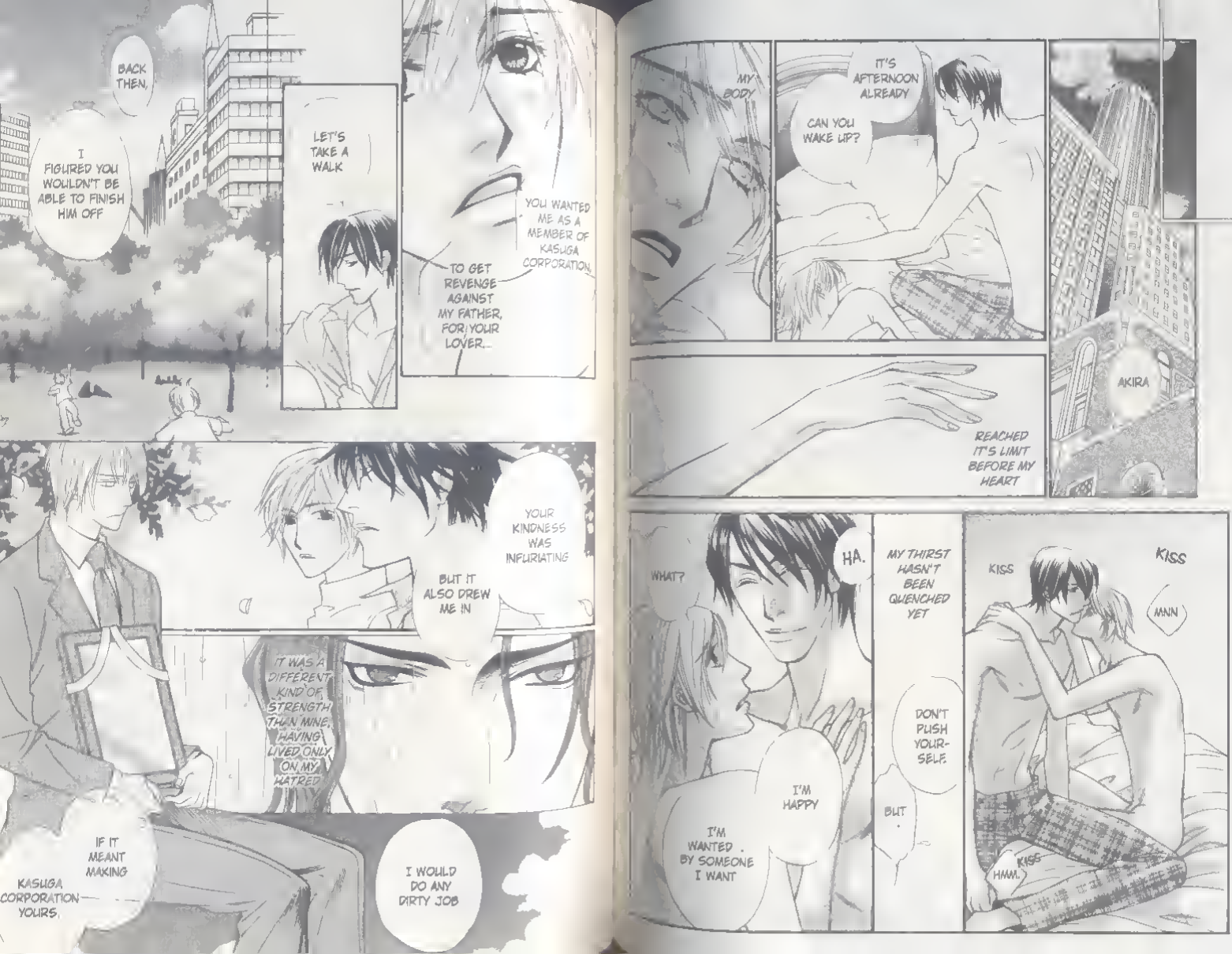
KYOUYA-SAN!

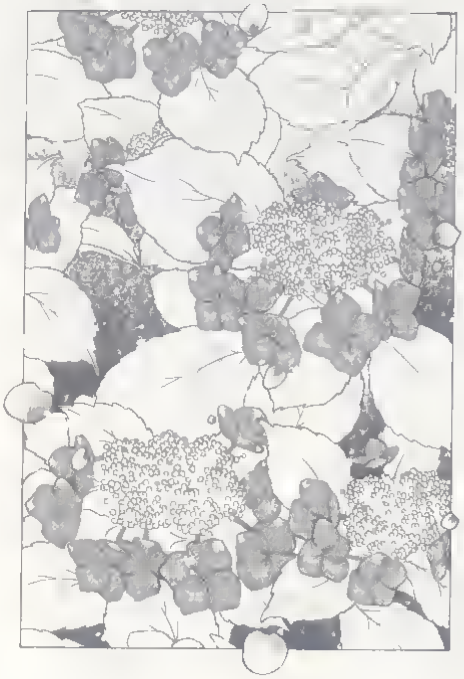

I'M HIGAKI KYOUYA
PLEASED TO MEET YOU
I'M HERE TO PICK YOU UP.
AKIRA KASUGA.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU

AH!
KISS
SUCK
SUCK
NN HAAH
TREMBLE
SLURP
HAAH HAAH
SQUISH
SHUDDER
I..
I'M..
SHUDDER
SHIVER
AH AH!
KYOU, YA..
SHIVER
KISS
HAAH
KISS
KYOUYA-SAN.
HAAH
KYOUYA!
KISS
AKIRA.
HAAH
HAAH
KISS
HMM
KISS
KISS
I ALMOST DIED
OF COURSE IT WOULDN'T JUST GO AWAY
IT.. LEFT A SCAR

ONLY YOU
I WOULD NEVER GIVE THIS TO ANYONE ELSE
ONLY YOU, KYOUYA.
AKIRA!
SLAP
HAAH
SLAP
NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE TRIED TO MAKE UP FOR THE TIME APART,
IT WOULD NEVER BE ENOUGH
AKIRA!
AGAIN AND AGAIN WE REACHED OUR LIMITS
AND AGAIN, WE CAME TO-GETHER
AH!
AHH!
AHH!

I WANT YOU
GIVE IT TO ME...!
DO YOU WANT ME, AKIRA?
AAH!
HAVEN'T BEEN WITH ANYONE?
SO TIGHT...
AH!
DRIP
HAAH
DRIP
HEH


BACK THEN,
I FIGURED YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FINISH HIM OFF
LET'S TAKE A WALK
YOU WANTED ME AS A MEMBER OF KASUGA CORPORATION,
TO GET REVENGE AGAINST MY FATHER, FOR YOUR LOVER...
YOUR KINDNESS WAS INFURIATING
BUT IT ALSO DREW ME IN
IT WAS A DIFFERENT KIND OF STRENGTH THAN MINE, HAVING LIVED ONLY ON MY HATRED
IF IT MEANT MAKING KASUGA CORPORATION YOURS,
I WOULD DO ANY DIRTY JOB
MY BODY
IT'S AFTERNOON ALREADY
CAN YOU WAKE UP?
AKIRA
REACHED IT'S LIMIT BEFORE MY HEART
WHAT?
HA.
I'M HAPPY
I'M WANTED BY SOMEONE I WANT
MY THIRST HASN'T BEEN QUENCHED YET
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF
BUT
KISS
KISS
MNN
KISS
HMM.



AND ONCE YOU WERE MINE,

KASUGA WOULD BE MINE, TOO

AND NOW!.

IT'S STRANGE

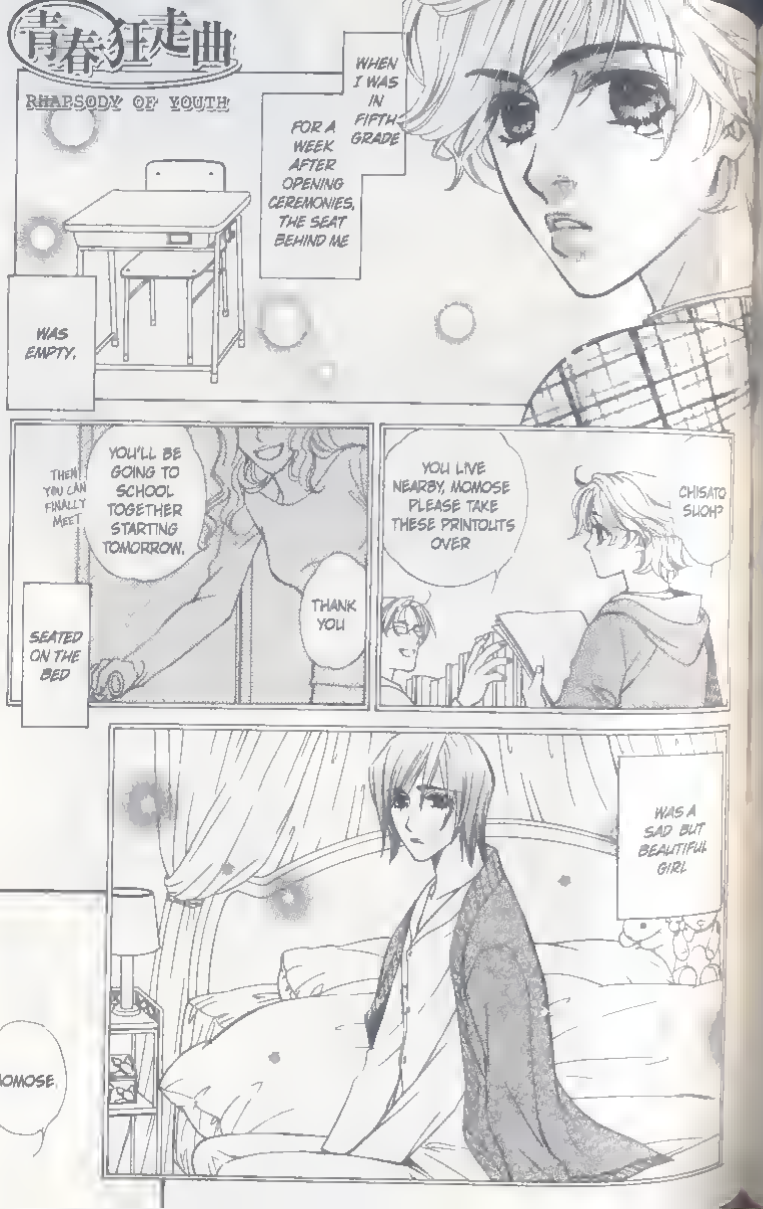
HM?

I'M WITH YOU, YET IT'S NOT RAINING

THE ENDLESS RAIN

IS OVER

END


青春狂走曲
RHAPSODY OF YOUTH
WHEN I WAS IN FIFTH GRADE
FOR A WEEK AFTER OPENING CEREMONIES, THE SEAT BEHIND ME
WAS EMPTY.
THEN I CAN FINALLY MEET
YOU'LL BE GOING TO SCHOOL TOGETHER STARTING TOMORROW.
THANK YOU
SEATED ON THE BED
YOU LIVE NEARBY, MOMOSE PLEASE TAKE THESE PRINTOUTS OVER
CHISATO SUOH?
WAS A SAD BUT BEAUTIFUL GIRL
MOMOSE

EXTRAS

HELLO, THIS IS YUUYA. THANK YOU FOR READING "ENDLESS RAIN."

BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF PAGES IN THE EXTRA MANGA, THE AUTHOR'S NOTES GO HERE THIS TIME (LAUGH).

THIS IS MY THIRD BOOK WITH AQUA COMICS. THE FIRST TWO, "MISCOUNT" AND "MISTAKE" ARE ABOUT SALARY MEN, SO IF THAT INTERESTS YOU! I HOPE YOU'LL READ THEM. JUST A LITTLE SELF PROMOTION ♥♥

WHEN I BEGAN THE SERIALIZATION FOR "ENDLESS RAIN" MY EDITOR AND I TALKED ABOUT ME DOING SOMETHING I HADN'T DONE BEFORE. I WAS EXCITED ABOUT DOING A STORY THAT WAS THIS SERIOUS. READING IT OVER NOW, IT DOESN'T SEEM ALL THAT OUT OF THE ORDINARY BUT THERE WERE MANY THINGS IN IT I WASN'T USED TO DOING, SO IT WAS HARD WORK TO DRAW. HALF WAY THROUGH MY EDITOR HAD ME MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS TO KEEP IT ON TRACK. BUT IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT PIECE OF WORK TO ME, AND I'LL BE VERY GLAD IF YOU ENJOYED IT ♥

THE THEME OF HYOUGAMI IS THAT WHENEVER HE SHOWS UP, IT RAINS (LAUGHS). AKIRA IS A STRONG CHARACTER, I KIND OF REGRET NOT DRAWING THE OTHER CHARACTERS NEARLY AS MUCH.

I REALLY WANTED TO DO "RHAPSODY OF YOUTH" AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL THAT I WAS GIVEN THE CHANCE TO PUT IT OUT. ORIGINALLY IT HAD BEEN A STORY ABOUT THREE FRIENDS, BUT BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF PAGES, I HAD TO CUT SOMEONE OUT. IT WAS MY OWN DECISION.

BUT I REALLY DID ENJOY DOING IT.

MY BELOVED ASSISTANTS

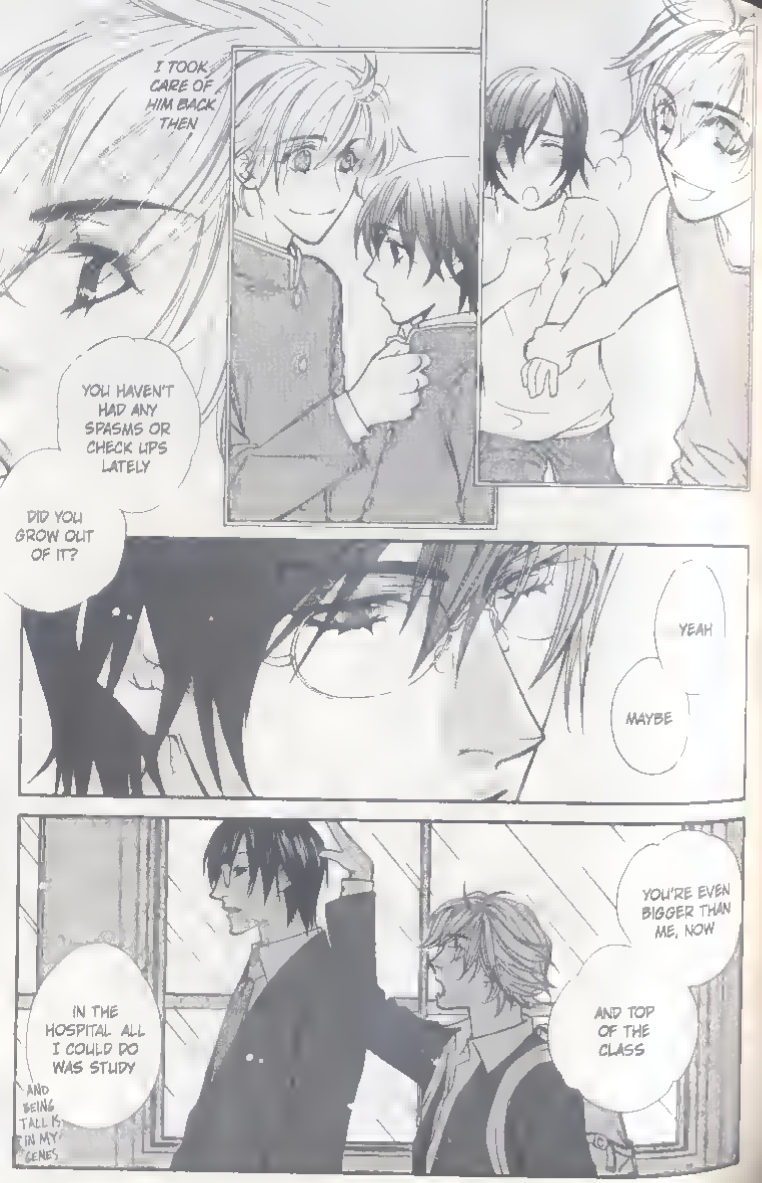
CHIZURU K, MAYUMI Y, MICHIKO K, ATSUKO T---THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

I'VE DRAWN A LOT UNDER THE NAME "YUUYA." MY HOME PAGE IS ⇨ HTTP://WWW16.OCN.NE.JP/~YOUYUU/ THANK YOU FOR STICKING WITH ME. LET'S MEET AGAIN SOMETIME! TAKE CARE!

YUUYA
FALL, 2006

YEAH! ALL FINISHED!
THANKS TO WHOM, NOW?
I'M A GENIUS!
THANK YOU, SUOH~
YOU'VE BEEN AWFUL PISSY LATELY
IT'S YOU THAT'S COMING ON TOO STRONG.
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING ABOUT JUST NOW?
OW
IT'S TOO HOT.
STOP IT, MOMOSE

TO THINK, THAT GIRL GREW UP TO BE THIS TALL, HANDSOME GUY...
OOPS!
SUOH.
YOU'RE SPACING OUT AGAIN
DID YOU VE THE PROBLEM?
MB
RHAPSODY OF YOUTH
青春狂走曲


I TOOK CARE OF HIM BACK THEN
YOU HAVEN'T HAD ANY SPASMS OR CHECK UPS LATELY
DID YOU GROW OUT OF IT?
YEAH
MAYBE
IN THE HOSPITAL ALL I COULD DO WAS STUDY
AND BEING TALL IS IN MY GENES
AND TOP OF THE CLASS
YOU'RE EVEN BIGGER THAN ME, NOW

WHY DO YOU HAVE A GIRLY NAME?
THE FIRST TIME WE MET
...YEAH
AND YOU HAVE A WEAK HEART? YOU WERE BORN WITH IT?
SAYS MY GRANDMA, ANYWAY
IF YOU GIVE A WEAK BOY A GIRL'S NAME, THEY'LL GROW UP STRONGER
MOMOSE -KUN...
WE CAN BE FRIENDS!
I'LL GIVE YOU SOME OF MY ENERGY.
IT'S OKAY!!
TH-THUMP

I'M OFF TO PRACTICE.
AND KEEP HIM HAPPY
WILL YOU COME WATCH OUR GAME TOMORROW?
SURE
I'LL WIN IT FOR YOU!
..YEAH
GET SOME SLEEP TONIGHT!
I'M NOT A KID ANYMORE, YOU KNOW
TH-THUMP

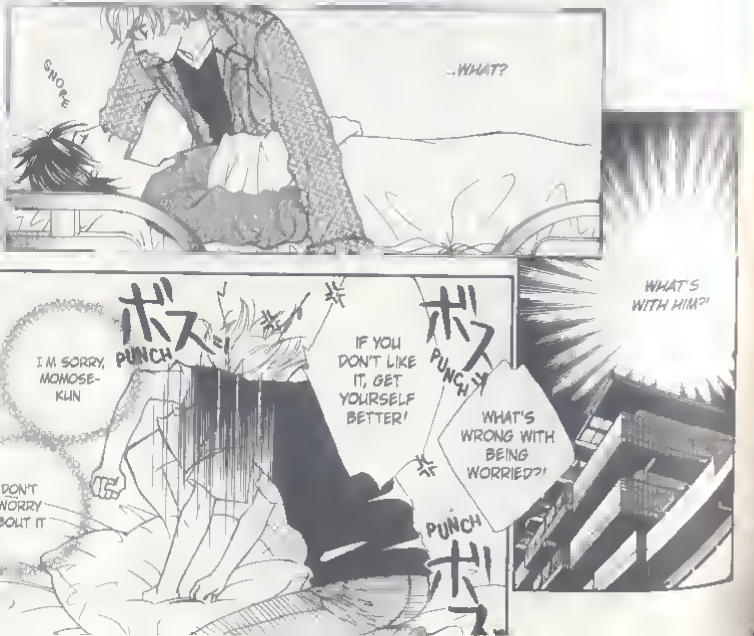
THANKS TO YOU, IT WAS A MIRACLE I EVEN MADE IT HERE.
IF YOU HADN'T HAD A FIT ON EXAMINATION DAY,
THERE'S NOW WAY WE'D BE GOING TO THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL.
HE MAY NOT LOOK THE SAME
I'M. .
BECAUSE BACK THEN I PROMISED THAT I WOULD STAY WITH HIM.
STOP, IT'S EMBAR-RASSING
BUT I'M STILL HIS BEST FRIEND.
HAPPY ENOUGH BEING WITH YOU, MOMOSE.

CHEER
NICE SHOT, NOMOSE!
KYAA!
TH-THUMP
SUOH-KUN!?
URHH
..I'M OKAY
TH-THUMP
IT'S NOT MY ILLNESS
TH-THUMP
CHEER
CHEER

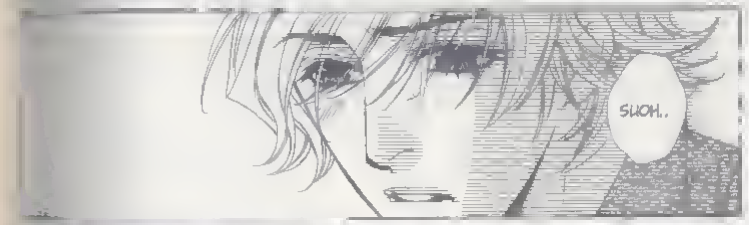
...WE'RE THE SAME AGE, BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS TAKING CARE OF ME.
BEEP
BEEP
WHY?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?
BEEP
BEEP
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO LEAVE THE GAME
BEEP
I DIDN'T KNOW!!
IS SHOW'S ILLNESS REALLY THAT BAD?
BEEP

SHOH?!
HE'S HAVING A FIT?!
REET
REET
IF WE WAIT TOO LONG, HE'LL BE TOO WEAK TO GO THROUGH IT
HIS SURGERY WAS SCHEDULED FOR SUMMER VACATION, BUT WE OUGHT TO PERFORM IT SOON
...WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
THE NEXT FIT COULD BE DAMAGING
I TOLD HIM NOT TO GO OUTSIDE

WHAT?!
WHY NOT?!
I'M EXHAUSTED, AND SLEEPY.
QUIET DOWN.
GO HOME
ASE

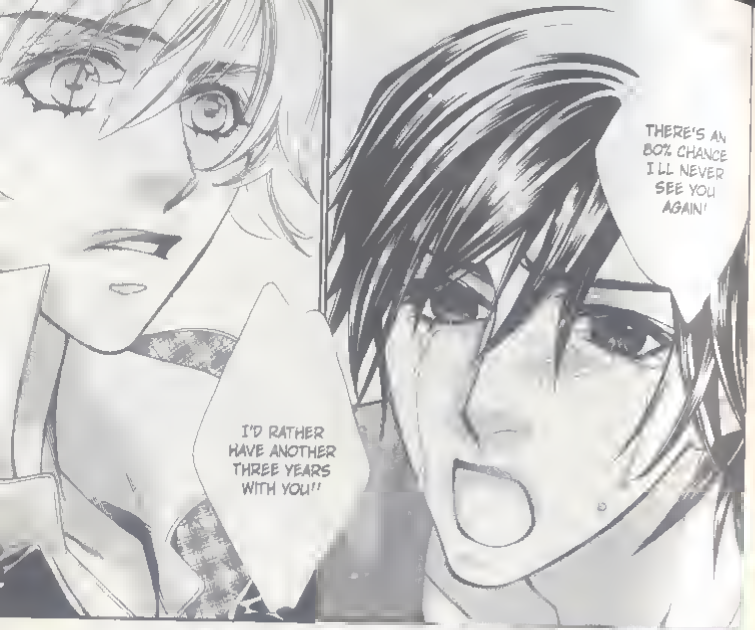

SNORE
..WHAT?
WHAT'S WITH HIM?!
I'M SORRY, MOMOSE-KUN
PUNCH
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, GET YOURSELF BETTER!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING WORRIED?!
DON'T NORRY BOUT IT

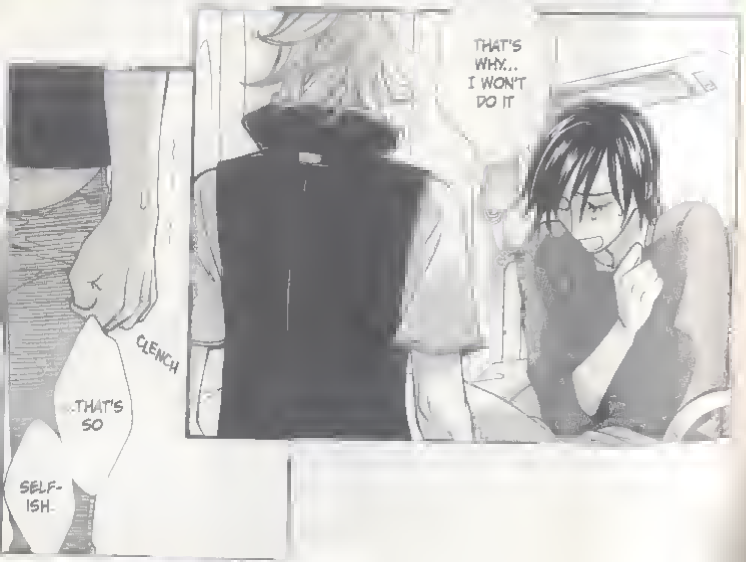
I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE YOU LIKE THAT ANYMORE
EVEN THOUGH I'M THE ONE WITH THE FITS,
YOU ALWAYS MAKE THOSE PAINED, TEARFUL FACES.


SUOH..

WHAT?
I'M NOT DOING IT
I'M NOT HAVING THE SURGERY.
EVEN BETTER THAN BEFORE
BUT YOU'LL BE BETTER AFTER THE SURGERY, RIGHT?

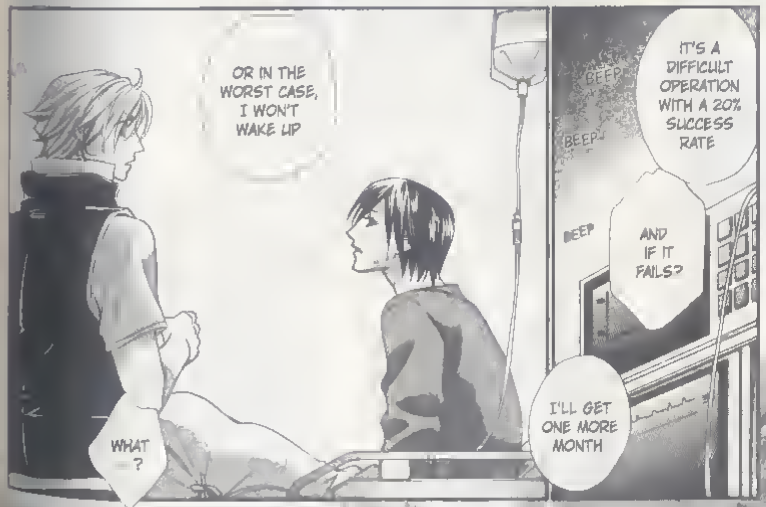
I NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED THAT...!
SLAM!
SUOH!
GET THE SURGERY!!
YOU'RE UP AWFULLY EARLY
PLEASE, TRY TO CONVINCE HIM
I'LL LOSE HIM?
IF HE DOESN'T HAVE THIS SURGERY, HE MAY HAVE ONLY THREE YEARS TO LIVE
SUOH IS DYING?
TAP
TAP
TAP
DO YOU NOT WANT TO GET BETTER?
WHY WON'T YOU DO IT? TELL ME!
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO LIVE NORMALLY ONCE YOU HAVE IT
..IT'S NOT THAT...
BECAUSE HE MADE SURE I DON'T SEE THEM
HE HASN'T HAD ANY FITS SINCE WE ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL
HEY!
HAVE SOME OF MY ENERGY
OKAY
. A LITTLE.
DOES IT STILL HURT?
..WHAT?
HE EVEN LET ME BELIEVE HE WAS GETTING BETTER.
AM I JUST A BOTHER TO HIM?
SNIFFLE
YES, HE TOLD ME
NAOKI, YOU HAVE A CALL FROM SUOH-KUN'S MOM


THERE'S AN 80% CHANCE I'LL NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN!
I'D RATHER HAVE ANOTHER THREE YEARS WITH YOU!!


THAT'S WHY... I WON'T DO IT
CLENCH
...THAT'S SO SELF-ISH.

WHAT?
IT'S NOT JUST MY HEART. MY WHOLE BODY IS A MESS OF COMPLICATIONS

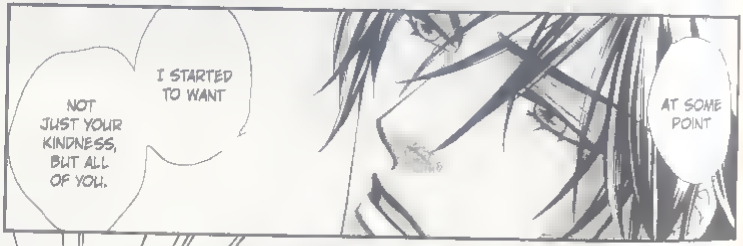
PUSH
I WON'T DO IT.
BECAUSE I LOVE YOU


OR IN THE WORST CASE, I WON'T WAKE UP
WHAT ?
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
IT'S A DIFFICULT OPERATION WITH A 20% SUCCESS RATE
AND IF IT FAILS?
I'LL GET ONE MORE MONTH

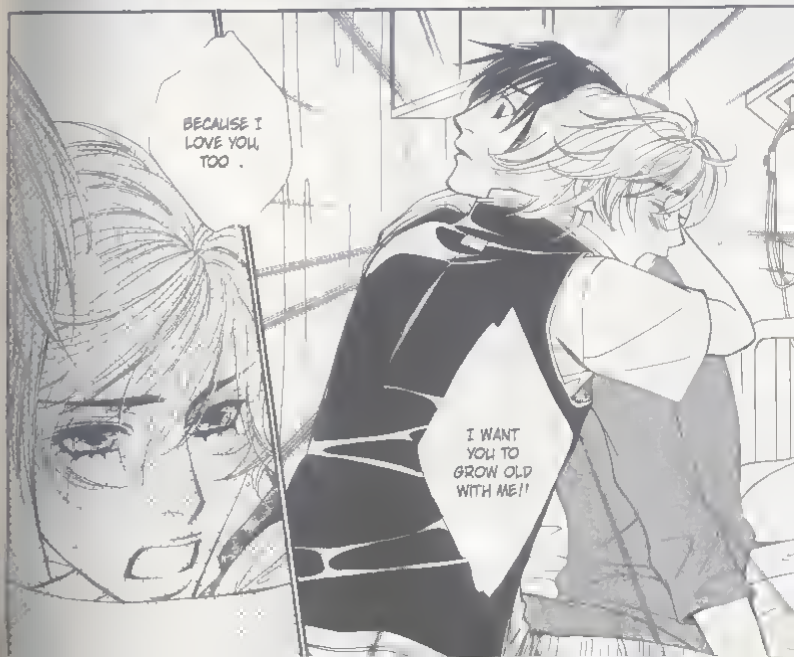
RUSTLE

YOU DON'T MEAN THAT LIKE I DO
TOUCHING ME LIKE THAT ONLY MAKES IT HARDER.
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
MOMOSE
LET GO
TH-THUMP

YANK
MOMOSE
I WON'T ALLOW THAT!!
DOESN'T THAT MEAN,
AFTER THREE YEARS I'LL STILL LOSE YOU?
DRIP
DRIP


NOT JUST YOUR KINDNESS, BUT ALL OF YOU.
I STARTED TO WANT
AT SOME POINT

IF YOU LOVE ME, GET THE SURGERY!
SUOH
I DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY THAT MUCH
I'M SORRY


BECAUSE I LOVE YOU, TOO.
I WANT YOU TO GROW OLD WITH ME!!

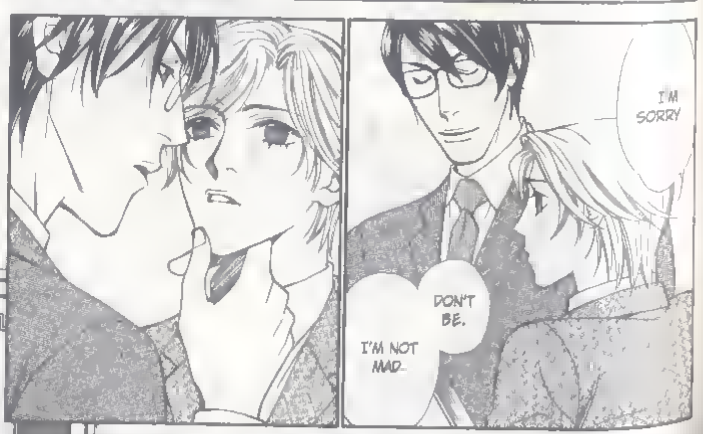
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED
THIS MAY BE OUR LAST CHANCE
WILL YOU GIVE YOURSELF TO ME?
D
DON'T SAY IT'S "OUR LAST CHANCE."
HAAH
MNN.
WE MEANT THE SAME THING
GET BETTER!!
AND THEN .
MONO. . SE..?
ALL RIGHT.
I'LL GET THE SURGERY
FWOOMP
WH.
WHAT?
HEH
. .OKAY
THEN WILL YOU GIVE ME SOME OF YOUR ENERGY?
WHOA,
WHOA.
YOU'RE STILL JUST AS CUTE.
TAKE ALL OF IT.
KISS
KISS
IF IT'LL MAKE YOU BETTER,

SLAP
AHH..
IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF MY ILLNESS
BOUGH
AH!
BUT I'M OKAY
IT'S BEATING SO FAST,
HAAH
HAAH
IS THIS OKAY.
FOR YOUR HEART?
HAAH
HAAH
HAH
NAOK!
SLAP
IT'S A GOOD PULSE
MY HEART FEELS LIKE
SLAP
HAAH
IT'S GOING TO STOP
CHI-
HAAH
CHISATO-
HOW'RE YOU DOING?
2nd CHAPTER
WOW, HE'S GOTTEN TEN GOLDFISH!
IT'S ALL ABOUT WILL POWER!
HIYAHH!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

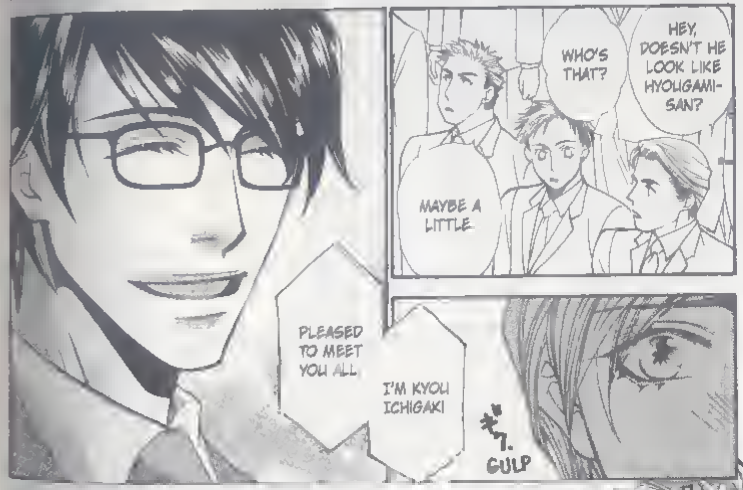
I CAN HEAR THE RAIN
MMN
SLAP
HAAH
LET'S GO
BACK TO JAPAN
MNN
NN
THE GENTLE RAIN
Singing Rain
WHIRR

SUOH WAS DISCHARGED AT THE END OF THE SUMMER
"YOU CAN HAVE HALF OF MINE"
SUOH ?
AND
GROW OLD TO-GETHER
END

A FEW FAKED SMILES,
ARE WORTH IT TO STAY WITH YOU.
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP LAUGHING?
HA HA HA
BUT YOU SMILED SO BROADLY...


I'M SORRY
DON'T BE.
I'M NOT MAD.

ICHIGAKI-KUN.
HERE FROM OUR AMERICAN BRANCH
IS MY SECRETARY, ABOUT TO JOIN OUR TEAM HERE


WHO'S THAT?
HEY, DOESN'T HE LOOK LIKE HYOUGAMI-SAN?
MAYBE A LITTLE
PLEASED TO MEET YOU ALL.
I'M KYOU ICHIGAKI
GULP

HYOUGAMI-SAN WOULD NEVER SMILE LIKE THAT.
NO, THEY'RE NOTHING ALIKE!

PFFT

HYOUGAMI IS DEAD
THIS IS A DIFFERENT PERSON
NO
WELL IF IWAO-SAN SAYS SO ..
I GUESS THEY JUST SOUND SIMILAR
I THOUGHT WE COULDN'T FOOL HIM
HA! SCARED ME

THIS IS MY NEW SECRETARY, ICHIGAKI-KUN
I SHOULD INTRODUCE YOU.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU
HM?
IS THAT YOU, HYOUGAMI-SAN?
COME IN
Y-YES!
IT'S IWAO.
MASTER NAO IS HERE TO SEE YOU, AS SCHED-ULED
I'M SORRY BROTHER
TO BOTHER YOU AT WORK.

IWAO-SAN, ISN'T IT HIM?
NO WAY! IT'S HYOUGAMI-SAN
NO, IT'S NOT
UH OH.. NAO HAS A GREAT EAR FOR VOICES

IF THE WEATHER'S GOOD TOMORROW, LET'S GO ON A PICNIC!
WITH BROTHER, AND ICHIGAKI-SAN
WILL YOU MAKE OUR LUNCHES, IWAO-SAN?
YESSIR
END

I'M JUST KYOU, NOW.
KYOU ...
SAN
VROOM
HEY, IWAO-SAN
DID MY BROTHER LOOK HAPPY?
IN THAT CASE,
IT DOESN'T MATTER
OKAY..
YES
PRESIDENT KASUGA DID LOOK VERY HAPPY..
VROOM